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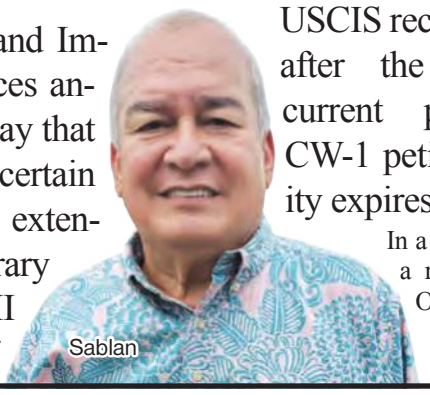
USCIS eases CW-1 extension rule

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services announced yesterday that it will consider certain CW-1 petitions seeking an extension of status for temporary workers present in the CNMI to be filed on time, even if USCIS receives them after the worker's current period of CW-1 petition validity expires.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In a statement with a release date of Oct. 18 2022,

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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres was originally set to deliver the 2022 State of the Commonwealth Address on Friday, Oct. 21, 2022 at 10am at the Kensington Hall of the Kensington Hotel Saipan.

However, Torres, in communication with the Legislature, is seeking to convene in a joint legislative session to receive the State of the Commonwealth Address.

It is in this spirit that the State of the Commonwealth Address will be rescheduled for Oct. 31, 2022 at 10am, still at the Kensington Hall of the Kensington Hotel Saipan. ***(PR)***

BOOST program extended to Nov. 18

BOOST Program Grant administrator and Bank of Saipan's president and CEO John Arroyo, left, next to Rotary Club of Saipan president Wendell Posadas, and Department of Commerce Economic Development director, Jesus Taisague, speaks in the Rotary Club meeting about the extension of the BOOST Program and explains what the forthcoming SSBCI Loan Program is at the Giovanni's Restaurant of the Hyatt Regency Saipan last Tuesday.

» $57M SSBCI Loan Program in the works

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CORRESPONDENT

The deadline to apply for a Building Optimism, Opportunities, and Stability Together, or BOOST, program grant has been extended again to Nov. 18, 2022, and with that winding down soon, the State Small Business Credit Initia-

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GUBERNATORIAL FORUM FERDIE DELA TORRE

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres gestures as he answers a question, while his running mate, Sen. Vinnie Vinson F. Sablan (R-Saipan), waits his turn, during the Gubernatorial Town Hall Forum at the American Memorial Park Theater Wednesday night. Also in the photo from left to right on the table, are moderators Northern Marianas College School of Education associate professor Dr. Beylul Solomon and NMC Language and Humanities assistant professor Adam Walsh, and Associated Students of NMC Sen. Bonnie Gio Sagana and ASNMC secretary Daryll De Luna. Torres and Sablan are running for governor and lieutenant governor, respectively, under the Republican Party in the Nov. 8 general elections. NMC hosted the three-day forum in collaboration with the ASNMC. The forum ended last night.

First IPI auction awaits sale confirmation

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The first official auction of Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC's gaming equipment came to a close over a week ago and sales are currently pending confirmation by the U.S. District Court for the NMI.

In a brief statement from attorney Michael White, the

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AT GUBERNATORIAL TOWN HALL FORUM

'It's about time to build a modernized hospital'

» Palacios: $19M being spent on medical referral should be diverted to CHCC

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE
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REPORTER

Lt. Gov. Arnold I. Palacios and his running mate, Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang, said Tuesday night that it's about time to build a modernized hospital in the CNMI, so the close to $19 million being spent on medical re-

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Triple J opens the most modern bed and breakfast in CNMI, the Tinian Garden Bed & Breakfast.

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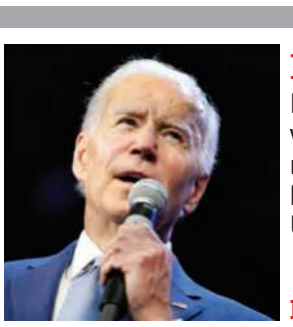

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President Joe Biden will announce the release of 15 million barrels of oil from the U.S. reserve.

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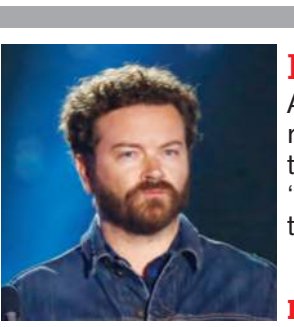

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Local

Tokyo Tensuiren returns for Autumn Festival

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After an absence of a couple of years, Tokyo Tensuiren dancers will be headlining the performances in this weekend's Japanese Autumn Festival at the Paseo de Marianas.

The Koenji, Tokyo-based dance group will be bringing in six members to Saipan, led by Taeko "Tae-san" Shito and dancers Misato Maedam Ikuko "Uku-san" Ito, Hiromi "Ori-san" Orita, musician bell and big drum Yu "Yu-san" Yokoha, and bell and snare drum Noriko "Machi-san" Ishiwatara.

Aside from taking part in the autumn festival, the 37-year-old group will also be coming to Saipan to help celebrate the Saipan Awaodori Team's 15th year anniversary.

Tokyo Tensuiren said they're coming to Saipan to promote the Japanese culture and tradition among the children of the Marianas through their dance and team music and help boost Japanese tourism to the CNMI.

They're also coming to the islands to build a strong relationship between Japan and Saipan and establish an after-school program that will keep the children out of the street and to keep them active in a good way.

Tokyo Tensuiren will be performing two sessions during the Japanese Autumn Festival—6pm on the first stage and 7:30pm on the second stage.

They will also have pre-performances on Friday, Oct. 21, at Koblerville Elementary School from 9am to 10pm, at Mount Carmel School from 10:40am to 11:20am, and the Fiesta Friday at the CNMI Museum from 7:40pm to 8:05pm.

Tokyo Tensuiren last visited Saipan in 2019 before the COVID-19 pandemic closed the CNMI's borders.

File photo shows a couple of Tokyo Tensuiren dancers performing with the Saipan Awaodori Team.
CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Organized by the Japanese Society of the Northern Marianas, the Autumn Festival will kick off with an opening ceremony at 6pm with the ceremonial breaking of a sake barrel.

Food vendors will be selling popular Japanese foods like takoyaki, yakitori, yakisoba, ramen etc. There will also be various game booths, like a shooting gallery, ring toss, water balloon fishing.

A raffle is also planned, with attractive prizes like speakers, Bluetooth earphones, Takoaki machine all made in Japan, $500 Docomo gift card, meal coupons, hotel accommodation and many more.

Foods, games, and raffle tickets can be purchased and played with the special tokens. Tokens are available to buy now at Himawari, Takagi Associates, Furusato, and Aqua Connections at $10 for 11 tokens if you buy in advance. You can also buy on the spot at the festival with $1 for one token.

The festival will feature garage sales (from 4pm to 6pm) for fundraising for the Japanese school.

House sets 'reasonable allowance' for lawmakers

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The House of Representatives passed a bill Tuesday that grants the Legislature a reasonable allowance, defines what a "reasonable "amount is, sets that amount, and certifies it as a public purpose.

All 17 House members present voted yes to the passage of House Bill 22-30 in the form of House Draft 1. Before the voting, the full House adopted the House Judiciary and Governmental Operations Committee report that recommended the passage of the

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CNMI's visitor arrivals up 646% in September

Visitor arrivals to the islands of Saipan, Tinian and Rota grew 646% to 8,256 visitors in September 2022, compared to 1,107 visitors received in September 2021, according to the latest numbers of the Marianas Visitors Authority.

In fiscal year 2022 ending in September, a total of 69,534 visitors had come to the Marianas compared to 5,265 visitors the year before.

A total of 6,502 visitors arrived from South Korea in September 2022, compared to only 801 visitors in September 2021 following the July 2021 implementation of the MVA's Tourism Resumption Investment Plan program.

The Korean won continues to fall further against the U.S. dollar, costing Korean visitors more to purchase the same amount of service in the Marianas. As a result, Korean visitors are being enticed by destinations where the won has more purchasing power. The fourth wave of COVID-19 in Korea has also contributed to a reduction in flights to the Marianas from mid-August through September.

The Marianas received 202 visitors from Japan in September 2022, compared to only seven visitors in September 2021. On Sept. 1, 2022, three weekly flights from Narita to Saipan by United Airlines began under incentives offered by the TRIP program. The program will continue for an initial six months as the MVA and tourism partners work to stabilize the Japan market. Major challenges facing the market include a weak Japanese yen, rising fuel surcharges, and generous incentives for domestic travel within Japan, including Okinawa, whose climate is similar to the Marianas. Furthermore, only 20% of children ages 5-11 are vaccinated, and active seniors over 60 are apprehensive to travel overseas.

The Marianas also received 911 visitors from Guam, 428

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AMP to host Marianas Memorial

To honor and remember the Chamorro and Carolinian civilians who perished as a result of World War II over 78 years ago, the American Memorial Park is hosting a community event on Thursday, Oct. 27, 2022, from 4pm to 8pm at the Visitors Center.

In partnership with CNMI Indigenous Affairs Office and CNMI Carolinian Affairs Office, there will be weaving, flower wreath making and beading stations. At 6pm everyone is welcome to join a candlelight walk to the Marianas Memorial followed by a short program. LED candles will be available at the Visitor Center.

If you are unable to make the event on Oct. 27, the Marianas Memorial will remain aglow with candles from Oct. 27 through Nov. 2.

For more information, contact the Visitor Center at (670) 234-7207 Ext. 2020 or email nataline_kaneshi@nps.gov. ***(PR)***

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lawyer representing court-appointed receiver, Clear Management Ltd., the first auction was a success as it received a number of bids and deposits on IPI's gaming equipment.

"We've received bids from a number of the items and we've received deposits from the successful bidders as required by the court's order," he said.

White declined to disclose specifics about the bidding when asked how many entities participated, the kind of gaming equipment that were auctioned, and how much in total the auction netted.

"These will all be included in a public filing," White said.

White said Clear Management is set to ask for the court's approval of these sales soon. "We will be asking the court shortly to approve the sales. We're going to try and get this motion out by the weekend," the lawyer said.

About the most recent auction, *Saipan Tribune* learned from a credible source who requested anonymity that, since the sales are not final and are pending court confirmation, IPI is considering other options.

In a previous motion from IPI, the casino investor, through its lawyer, Samuel Slayer, asked the court to again stay the limited receivership as it has satisfied its outstanding judgments against the creditors who assumed the receivership.

Unfortunately, the court denied the request and allowed Clear Management to move forward with its scheduled auctions.

Meanwhile, Clear Management recently informed the U.S. District Court for the NMI that it officially received over $300,000 for selling back 201 Super Angel Eye dealing shoes to Angel Playing Cards U.S.A. or APC.

On Oct. 12, 2022, Clear Management received a payment of $301,500 from APC for the dealing shoes, White told the court.

The transaction was signed by White, who represented Clear Management, and attorney Richard Miller, who represents APC.

Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona previously granted the stipulation of Clear Management Group and APC for the repurchase of 201 Super Angel Eye dealing shoes at the unit price of $1,500 each, for a total of $301,500; and the repurchase of all Angel playing cards in Clear Management's possession at the unit price of $0.10 per deck.

Manglona also granted the request of White to have the funds transferred and held in an escrow trust account.

According to the stipulation, APC previously sold a series of products to IPI, including dealing shoes and playing cards.

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tive Loan Program, or SSBCI Loan Program, is in the works to further help fund small businesses, according to the Department of Commerce last Tuesday at a Rotary Club of Saipan meeting in the Giovanni's Restaurant of Hyatt Regency Saipan.

The original deadline for the BOOST Program was Sept. 18 but was first extended until Oct. 18.

After the Department of Commerce's Economic Development director, Jesus Taisague's presentation of the Department of Commerce's role in the CNMI's economic development, BOOST Program grant administrator and Bank of Saipan president and chief executive officer John Z. Arroyo, who is also a Rotary member, announced that the BOOST Program deadline has again been extended to Nov. 18.

Taisague said the extension was in part due to a large number of applicants and applicants with incomplete packets. "The program is not [meant] to deny anyone, but…to help all the businesses because as we know, all businesses in the CNMI are struggling," he said.

Arroyo added that "the committee is trying as much as they possibly can to give people as much money as they can. …And so it's a difficult task for the committee to kind of decide how to do this equitably, to be fair across the board. So part of the reason is just so that we give people who are still sitting on the fence, people who have not been able to get all of their documentation that they need to submit before the 18th of this month another month to get everything together, and submit their application."

There are over 70 BOOST Program applicants so far, with almost $100 million loan requests, but the BOOST program only has about $12 million to dispense. According to Arroyo, there are some awards that have been released and announced already on Rota and Tinian, with awards to be announced soon for Saipan.

The BOOST Program Grant provides financial assistance to CNMI businesses and non-profit organizations. To apply for the BOOST Program grant, log onto https://www.boostcnmi.com.

With that, the SSBCI Loan Program is in the works with the Department of Commerce to help provide funds for businesses and startups that the BOOST Program did not satisfy or approve, through banks and the government allocated ARPA funds. According to Taisague, they hope to get it started by December this year.

The SSBCI has allocated $57 million and Taisague said that with the statistics from the BOOST Program, "…we have real statistics to show that we will be able to spend that $57 million. …We have hundreds of applicants with limited grant funding from this BOOST Grant Program. What we'll do is…we'll carry on all those applicants that will not be able to fulfill their business plan under the BOOST Program, but they'll be able to access for more capital from the SSBCI."

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legislation. Rep. Christina E. Sablan (D-Saipan) is the principal author of the bill.

After the adoption of the bill, Sablan said the JGO Committee received very useful recommendations, especially from the Office of the Public Auditor and the Office of the Attorney General for how they could improve accountability for the allowance, which is authorized by the Constitution.

Sablan

It was floor leader Ralph N. Yumul (D-Saipan) who moved to pass the bill.

Although Article 2, Section 10 of the NMI Constitution provides that members of the Legislature may receive a reasonable allowance for expenses as provided by law, Sablan said the definition for what is reasonable has never been addressed until now. Sablan said this legislation is long overdue.

"This bill provides that definition and it relies on the guidance from the audit report and the legal guidance that we received from OPA, as well as legal opinion from AG," Sablan said.

In drafting this legislation, she said they also looked at other state legislatures as well as the congressional rules that govern representational allowances "just to see the landscape of what best practices could apply here in the case of our allowances."

With this legislation, Sablan said, they have the opportunity to remedy these issues of public trust and set the standards for accountability in the CNMI law.

The amendments to the bill include to establish travel restrictions; prohibit double compensation in regards to reimbursements and travel per diems/stipends; and for the maintenance of records of transactions when a member draws an allowance.

In his legal opinion dated Nov. 1, 2021, Attorney General Edward Manibusan said that House Rule of Procedure 13, Section 10 appears to authorize payments of allowance that would violate the Constitution.

Manibusan said that, based on their review, the allowance of $60,000 per year ($5,000 per month) would be considered unreasonable under the Constitution. He said an allowance of about $30,000 would be reasonable under a contemporary analysis, which takes into account adjustments for inflation.

OPA's Aug. 6, 2003 report, which was issued by then-Public Auditor Michael Sablan, noted that their review of the NMI Constitution, statutes, regulations, legislative resolutions and rules, current quoted air fares, and applicable per diem show that the monthly travel expenses for Rota and Tinian senators are likely to be considerably less than the $5,000 monthly subsistence allowance provided to them when traveling to Saipan, resulting in an unjustified personal benefit to the senators in violation of public purpose.

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ferral each year will be diverted to the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.

Palacios and Apatang are running for governor and lieutenant governor, respectively, under a unified independent team, in the Nov. 8 general elections. They were the second tandem to face the three-day Gubernatorial Town Hall Forum at the American Memorial Park Theater Tuesday night.

Northern Marianas College hosted the event in collaboration with the Associated Students of NMC.

One of the questions raised at the forum was medical referral. With so many people leaving the islands to seek treatment elsewhere under medical referral, the question was how can the Palacios-Apatang administration guarantee that this will change under their leadership.

Palacios, who was recently medically evacuated to Honolulu, said they need to sit down with the CHCC board of directors and ask them what kind of resources they need.

He said the government spends close to $19 million in medical referral. "And you know much we budget today for CHCC? If you get $3 million a year out of our general fund, you're lucky. So we need to change this issue and not just give it lip service," Palacios said.

The lieutenant governor said the reason why medical referral is very expensive for the past 10 years is because it's almost political. "That's the unfortunate part," said Palacios, adding that he is glad that CHCC chief executive officer Esther Muña and CHCC have taken on that additional task to administer the program.

He underscored the need to divert the $19 million being spent on medical referral to CHCC.

Palacios said that buying a Magnetic Resonance Imaging machine, as well as the hiring of MRI specialists is worth the investment. MRI is used to take detailed pictures inside the human body to help diagnose or monitor treatment.

"Building, modernizing our hospital it's not really difficult. We just got to change our mindset," he said.

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USCIS

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that was posted on the USCIS website, it said that USCIS is providing this limited accommodation to facilitate the current Temporary Labor Certification processing delays at the U.S. Department of Labor. In essence, USCIS is saying it would not consider certain petitions to renew CW-1 visas late if the petitions had been held up by the backlog at the U.S. Department of Labor.

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) welcomed this, saying yesterday that recognizing that Marianas employers of CW-1 workers were being hurt by delays in processing Temporary Labor Certifications was needed and would be welcome by the business community.

"Marianas employers have been rightly concerned about the status of their CW workers, given the long wait to obtain Temporary Labor Certifications this year," Sablan said. "I have been meeting with the U.S. Department of Labor to get them to move faster on the labor certifications.

"I also informed Department of Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas about the problem and ask that he use his discretionary authority to allow current CW-I visa holders to continue to work and remain lawfully present in the Northern Marianas if their employer had filed for a Temporary Labor Certifications in a timely manner.

"I very much appreciate my message got through and USCIS provided this relief today."

Normally, under Department of Homeland Security regulations, an employer may only file a CW-1 petition on behalf of a worker present in the CNMI if the worker is lawfully present in the CNMI, and USCIS will not approve an extension of nonimmigrant status if the worker's nonimmigrant status expired before the petition is filed. Under statutory requirements and DHS and DOL regulations, CW-1 petitions must include an approved TLC.

However, USCIS has the discretionary authority to excuse a late filing for extension of status petitions in limited circumstances. USCIS has determined that it is appropriate to exercise such authority to excuse late filings of CW-1 petitions (petitions USCIS receives after the current CW-1 status expires) by employers in the CNMI, only if:

- The TLC application was filed with DOL at least 60 days before the requested start date;
- The petition is otherwise properly filed, and includes an approved TLC; and
- USCIS receives the petition no later than 30 days after the date of TLC approval, or by Nov. 15, 2022, whichever is earlier. ***(PR)***

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visitors from the U.S., and a combined 213 additional visitors from all other destinations in September.

September's figure is about one-third the number of average monthly arrivals prior to the coronavirus endemic, but it marks a significant increase in arrivals since the implementation of TRIP. The TRIP program was awarded the 2022 Pacific Asia Travel Association Gold Award for Destination Resilience (Global) on Oct. 7, 2022, and the MVA is now looking at further expanding TRIP to other markets as more destinations ease travel restrictions and travel demand continues to increase. ***(MVA)***

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Man gets a year in prison for assault

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REPORTER

The Superior Court has imposed a one-year prison sentence on a man who recently pleaded guilty to assault and disturbing the peace.

Superior Court associate judge Joseph N. Camacho sentenced John Peter A. Blas last week to a year in prison but ordered that he serve just the first nine months of the sentence, during which he will not be allowed parole, early release, or other similar programs. This means the remaining three months of Blas' sentence is suspended but may be imposed in whole for any violation of law reported by the Office of the Adult Probation.

Aside from imprisonment, Blas was also sentenced to two-year supervised probation. He was ordered to report to the probation office the day after he is released from the Department of Corrections.

Blas was also ordered to pay a $25 court fee and a probation fee to be determined by the Adult Probation office.

After the sentencing hearing, Blas was remanded to Department of Corrections custody to start serving his sentence.

The judge also vacated the bench trial scheduled for Nov. 16, 2022.

According to court documents, Blas pleaded guilty assault and disturbing the peace through his lawyer, assistant public defender Karie Comstock.

Pursuant to the plea agreement, Blas pleaded guilty to "unlawfully offering or attempting, with force or violence, to strike, beat, wound, or do bodily harm [the victim], to wit: defendant threatened [the victim] with a weapon, in violation of 6 CMC § 1201(a)," or about May 11, 2022. The victim was not injured.

In addition, Blas also "unlawfully and willfully commit an act, which reasonably annoyed or disturbed the peace of [the victim], depriving him of his right to peace and quiet, or which provokes a breach of peace, in violation of 6 CMC § 3101(a)," the plea agreement states.

Support sought for Mount Carmel School's 'Knights Give Thanks Thanksgiving Raffle'

As part of Mount Carmel School's seventh-anniversary celebration, MCS has launched the "Knights Give Thanks Thanksgiving Raffle."

The purpose the raffle fundraiser is to raise money for the school to aid in academic and facility projects and engage with community members with the opportunity to win cash prizes just in time for the holiday season.

Join Mount Carmel School's 70th anniversary celebration by supporting the school's first fundraiser of the year. Tickets are $10 each and can be purchased through any MCS employee or at the Mount Carmel School Business Office from 7am to 4pm, Monday to Friday.

The grand prize for the raffle is $3,000. The baby grand prize is $1,000. The first prize is $500. The second prize is $300. The third prize is $200. The fourth prize is $150. The fifth through the eighth prizes is $100 each, concluding with $75 for the ninth and tenth cash prize winners.

"We decided to kick off our fundraising efforts for the school as a nod to Mount Carmel's very first fundraiser back in 1953, which was also a raffle drive led by founding president, Fr. Arnold Bendowsky. We wanted to ensure that our first fundraiser of the year also was a form of giving to our supporters with 12 opportunities to win cash prizes during the holiday season," said school president Frances Taimanao.

Raffle tickets can be purchased until Nov. 14, 2022. Winners of the raffle will be announced on Nov. 23, 2022, by 12pm. Terms of participation are noted on each ticket.

For more information, call 670-234-6184/235-1201 or email mountcarmelsaipan.com. ***(MCS)***

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Zoning Board moving to new location

The Commonwealth Zoning Board would like to inform the public that the Zoning Office will be closed from Monday, Oct. 24, 2022, to Friday, Oct. 28, 2022, and will resume service to the public on Monday, Oct. 31, 2022, at their new location at the CLL Plaza in Chalan Lau Lau.

Pardon the inconvenience as we work to serve you better. Your understanding and cooperation are greatly appreciated.

For any questions, concerns or inquiries email permits@cnmizoning.com for assistance. ***(PR)***

Torres to deliver State of the Commonwealth Address

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres will be delivering the State of the Commonwealth Address this Friday, Oct. 21, 2022, 10am at the Kensington Hotel Saipan in the Kensington Hall. ***(PR)***

4.9-magnitude quake near Pagan

At 8:45am on Oct. 18 2022, a report of a 4.9-magnitude earthquake occurred at 18.206°N 146.712°E Pagan region Northern Marianas Islands. There were no tsunami warnings or advisories that were issued by the Pacific Tsunami Warning Center. For more information, please contact the CNMI EOC State Warning Point at (670) 237-8000. ***(PR)***

4.3-magnitude quake near Pagan

At 2:09 PM on Oct. 17, 2022, a report of a 4.3-magnitude earthquake occurred at 18.517°N 145.266°E 595.0 km northwest of Pagan region, Northern Mariana Islands. No tsunami warnings or advisories were issued by the Pacific Tsunami Warning Center. For more information, contact the CNMI EOC State Warning Point at 237-8000. ***(PR)***

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
CNMI GOVERNMENT

INVITATION TO BID
ITB NO.: DPW23-ITB NO. 42300003

SUBMISSION DATE: November 21, 2022 TIME: 10:00 A.M.

"Proposed FinaSisu Lane Road & Drainage Improvement"

COPIES OF THE SPECIFICATIONS MAY BE OBTAINED AT THE TECHNICAL SERVICES DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, LOCATED ON SECOND FLOOR, OLEAI JOETEN COMMERCIAL CENTER, SAN JOSE, SAIPAN, DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

THE PROVISIONS OF THE CNMI PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, NMIAC SECTION 70-30.3-725 AND 70-30.3-730 PROHIBITING GRATUITIES, KICKBACKS AND CONTINGENT FEES SHALL APPLY.

The project package will be available on or after **October 20, 2022** at Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works, located on Second Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, San Jose, Saipan.

A non-refundable payment of **One Hundred Dollars ($100.00)** is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Treasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Work at DPW Technical Services Division required for each set.

There will be a **Pre-bid Conference** for this project on **November 07, 2022**, 9:00 a.m. local time at the Department of Public Works Conference Room 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center Office, Saipan. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All question regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on **November 16, 2022** to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547. Response to questions shall be shared with prospective bidders.

THE CNMI GOVERNMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS, OR PORTIONS THEREOF, AND WAIVE IMMATERIAL DEFECTS IF TO DO SO WOULD BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CNMI GOVERNMENT.

/S/ JAMES A. ADA
SECRETARY, DPW

/S/ FRANCISCO C. AGUON
ACTING DIRECTOR,
DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT SERVICES

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
COMMONWEALTH HEALTHCARE CORPORATION

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)
NON-COMMUNICABLE DISEASE BUREAU (NCDB)
RFP22-CHCC/NCDB-028

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: OCT. 27TH, 2022 TIME: 10:00AM (CHST)

"NCD/CBH AND RISK FACTOR HYBRID SURVEY"

INTERESTED PARTIES CAN DOWNLOAD THIS REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FROM THE CHCC WEBSITE [WWW.CHCC.HEALTH]. ONCE AT THE SITE, NAVIGATE TO **REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS** TAB ON THE LEFT NAVIGATION BAR. CLICK ON THE URL FOR THIS RFP. YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO ENTER DATA TO ALLOW US TO TRACK ALL REQUESTS FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY.

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/S/ ESTHER L. MUNA
CHCC CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT & SUPPLY

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT # 06-2022

Opening date: October 06, 2022 **Closing date: October 27, 2022**

Location: SAIPAN		**SALARY**
Positions:	(1) ARFF General Maintenance	PL 3/1 to 3/12 ($8.01/hr. to $13.70/hr.)
	(1) ARFF Mechanic II	PL 6/1 to 6/12 ($9.27/hr. to $15.85/hr.)
	(1) Custodial I	PL 1/1 to 1/12 ($7.26/hr. to $12.42/hr.)
	(1) AOA Controller-I	PL 5/1 to 5/12 ($8.83/hr. to $15.10/hr.)
Location: ROTA		**SALARY**
	(3) Ports Police/ARFF Trainee	PL 5/1 ($8.83/hr.)
Location: TINIAN		**SALARY**
Positions:	(2) General Maintenance I	PL 2/1 to 2/12 ($7.63/hr. to $13.04/hr.)

Employment Application must be accompanied with a copy of all required diploma/certificates and/or official sealed transcripts, original copy of recent police record not more than six (6) months old, original copy of U.S. Department of Defense Form DD214 for retired members or veterans of our Armed Forces, and other documents as required for the position. Public Law 11-70 requires that all male applicants age 18 to 25 years old must submit documentation evidencing his registration with the Federal Selective Service System. All applications and required documents must be submitted to the ***CPA Administration Office, 2nd Floor Arrival Building, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport or CPA Administration Office Tinian International Airport or Benjamin Taisacan Manglona International Airport***. Failure to provide any of the required documents will result in automatic disqualification. Certain vacancies may require written and/or physical test. Selected applicants will be subjected to pre-employment drug screening, 10-year Criminal History Record Check and 49 CFR Part 1542.209(d) Requirements. CPA reserves the right to waive or implement other qualifications to meet its needs. The deadline for submission of applications and required documents to the CPA Administration Office (Saipan) or at the Tinian International Airport or Benjamin Taisacan Manglona International Airport is no later than **5:00 P.M. on Thursday, October 27, 2022**.

Detailed information on qualifications and position descriptions for the above positions may be picked up along with the application form from Monday-Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., except on holidays, at the CPA Administration Office (2nd Floor) of the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, Arrival Terminal or CPA Admin. Office at the Tinian International Airport or at the Benjamin Taisacan Manglona International Airport. For additional information, please contact the CPA Human Resources Office by email at lorna.tenorio@cnmiports.com or by phone at (670)237-6500.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GREGORIO MUNA CAMACHO, AKA: "KACHUMA" Decedent.
Civil Action No. 22-0234
NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Date: Nov. 10, 2022
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Judge: Honorable Joseph N. Camacho

TO: THE GENERAL PUBLIC, ANY HEIRS, CLAIMANTS, OR CREDITORS OF THE LATE GREGORIO MUNA CAMACHO AKA " KACHUMA"OR HIS ESTATE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **GREGORY P. CAMACHO** has petitioned the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to issue a Verified Petition to Admit Estate into Probate and Appointment of Administrator for the Estate of Gregorio Muna Camacho, AKA: " Kachuma", the decedent. The proposed Administrator is Gregory P. Camacho. The Attorney for the Petitioner is Robert T. Torres, Attorney at Law, whose address is 5962 Plata Drive P.O. Box 500730, Saipan MP 96950.

The hearing on the Petition is scheduled to be heard on the date and at the time set forth above at the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. All interested persons or entities should appear at this hearing. Any and all persons, creditors, or entities having claims against the deceased or his Estate are hereby required by law to file their claims with the Clerk of Court within sixty (60) days of this publication or the claim(s) will be baited. A copy of your claim should also be sent to the attorney for Petitioner, **ROBERT T. TORRES, Attorney at Law**, at the address above indicated.

Dated this 13th day of October, 2022.

/s/
Clerk of Court/Deputy Clerk of Court

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

BANK OF GUAM, Plaintiff, vs. DAISY O. SANTOS, Defendant.] Civil Action No.: 11-0201] NOTICE OF HEARING] BY PUBLICATION ON:] PLAINTIFF'S AMENDED] MOTION FOR AN ORDER] IN AID OF JUDGMENT

TO: DEFENDANT DAISY O. SANTOS.

This Notice of Hearing is hereby served upon you by publication to notify you that the Court has set a hearing on Plaintiff Bank of Guam's Amended Motion for an Order in Aid of Judgment on October 26, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. The hearing will be held before the Presiding Judge Roberto C. Naraja on the Amended Motion for an Order in Aid of Judgment in the above-styled matter, at the Superior Court for the CNMI, Guma Hustisia, on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The Attorney for the Plaintiff is Robert T. Torres, whose address is 5962 Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, P.O. Box 500730, Saipan, MP 96950.

DATED this 19th day of October 2022.

CLERK OF COURT

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: HERMAN LAWRENCE UNTALAN HOFSCHNEIDER, Decedent.] Civil Action No.: 22-0241-CV] NOTICE OF HEARING] NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TO: ALL HEIRS, DEVISEES, LEGATEES AND CREDITORS OF: HERMAN LAWRENCE UNTALAN HOFSCHNEIDER, DECEASED.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Petition by Jude Untalan Hofschneider for the issuance of letters of administration of this estate will be heard before the Honorable Joseph N. Camacho, Associate Judge, on the 17th day of November, 2022, at10:00 a.m., in Room 220A at the Superior Court of the Northern Mariana Islands, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. All persons interested are hereby notified to appear at the hearing and show cause, if any, why the order should not be made.

For further particulars, please refer to the Petition on file herein, or contact counsel for Petitioner, Joey P. San Nicolas, P.O. Box 10,001 PMB 602, Saipan, MP 96950; telephone (670) 234-7659 and email jpsn@sannicolaslaw.net.

Pursuant to Rule 21, NMI R. Prob. P., notice is hereby given to all creditors of the decedent, HERMAN LAWRENCE UNTALAN HOFSCHNEIDER, or of his estate, that they must file their claims with the Clerk of the Superior Court, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, within sixty (60) days of the first publication of this Notice, or the claims will be forever barred.

Dated this 18th day of October, 2022.

Hon. JOSEPH N. CAMACHO
Associate Judge

Name: Jeanet Flores Torres
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Pro Se

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN RE THE GUARDIANSHIP OF: Juan Sablan Torres An Incompetent Person By: Jeanet Flores Torres Petitioner] FCD-GU CIVIL ACTION NO. 22-0380] **ORDER SETTING HEARING ON PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIANSHIP FOR INCOMPETENT PERSON**

Upon petition of the Petitioner, and with good cause appearing therefore, a hearing on the Petitioner's petition for the appointment as a guardian of (Name of Incompetent Person) Juan Sablan Torres, born on July 15, 1945, shall be heard on the 31st day of October, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in Courtroom 205A.

Petitioner shall cause this Order to be personally served on the alleged incompetent person at least ten (10) days before the hearing date. The alleged incompetent person must appear or be produced at the hearing scheduled on the date and time set forth above unless satisfactory proof by affidavit or testimony of duly licensed physician, surgeon, or medical officer shows that (he/she) is unable to attend because of physical inability. Except, that if the alleged incompetent person is a patient at a hospital in the Commonwealth, and affidavit of the medical director of the hospital to the effect that such patient is unable to attend, shall be prima facie evidence of that fact.

It is further ORDERED that the Notice of Hearing and nature of proceedings shall be served as follows:

1. By personal service or service by mail at least ten (10) days before such hearing date to each of the spouse, parents, children, or adult siblings of the alleged incompetent person residing in the Commonwealth. Any relative or friend of the alleged incompetent person may appear and oppose the petition.
2. By publication at least once before the hearing in a newspaper of general circulation in the Commonwealth of the Norther Mariana Islands.
3. By posting at the Superior Court bulletin board period of ten (10) days before the hearing date.

SO ORDERED this 18th day of October, 2022.

/s/Kenneth L. Govendo
JUDGE

BOOST Fishers Farmers Ranchers PROGRAM

Fishing, farming, and ranching is an important source of food and nutritional security throughout the Marianas. For many, it is a source of income.

Such practices have been passed on from generation to generation and is an important part of our culture and indigeneity. Fishing, farming and ranching creates important ties between families and individuals, as well as strengthening ties to our environment.

The BOOST Fisher, Farmer and Rancher program is designed to promote food and nutritional security, protect and promote traditional cultural practices, as well to diversify and revitalize the economy for those engaged in commercial activity.

Priority is extended to fishers, farmers and ranchers who produce for commercial gain. Applicants who fish, farm or ranch for sustenance and/or recreational purposes shall also be considered.

Terms and conditions apply.

Annie San Nicolas and Elvin Masga from Tinian with their fishing boat Le'Ana Vae.

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Applicants must be able to provide evidence of any of the activities of the grant being requested. What types of evidence do I need to produce for any grant category?

FISHING

Provide evidence of fishing activities (video, photos, letters of reference, or other forms of testimonial).

Commercial fishers applying for BOOST funds must also provide a letter of intent, company profile, explanation of the use of funds, and a certificate of good standing.

FARMING

Provide evidence of farming activities (video, photos, letters of reference, or other forms of testimonial).

Commercial farmers applying for BOOST funds must also provide a letter of intent, company profile, explanation of the use of funds, and a certificate of good standing.

RANCHING

Provide evidence of ranching activities (video, photos, letters of reference, or other forms of testimonial).

Commercial ranchers applying for BOOST funds must also provide a letter of intent, company profile, explanation of the use of funds, and a certificate of good standing.

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Criminal evidence abounds against Trump. He must be held accountable

The final Jan. 6 insurrection committee hearing last Thursday presented what, in any other historical context, would have been a series of major bombshells. But in this shell-shocked nation, numbed by years of daily Trumpian outrages, the idea of a president and his advisers colluding to organize a violent coup no longer seems to spark the sustained outrage it deserves.

Americans should be outraged nevertheless because the evidence is clear: Donald Trump worked actively to subvert an election and seize power through a violent attack on Congress. An astonishing number of Americans still don't grasp why that was such a bad thing, as if it's OK to take up knives, guns, bear spray, battering rams and military-style body armor to invade the Capitol simply because an election didn't yield the desired result.

Evidence abounds that Trump knew weeks ahead of the November 2020 election that his defeat loomed, and he colluded with outsiders to stay in the White House anyway. Contacts were established with right-wing militias to lead a military-style assault on the Capitol. Trump advisers Roger Stone and Steve Bannon helped with coordination.

Bannon, chief White House strategist in 2017, said in an audio recording more than a week before the election: "What Trump's gonna do is just declare victory, right? He's gonna declare victory. But that doesn't mean he's a winner. He's just gonna say he's the winner. … If Trump is losing by 10 or 11 o'clock at night (on Election Day), it's going to be even crazier. Because he's going to sit right there and say, 'they stole it.'"

Stone, in separate video footage, stated that if the election result was still undecided on election night, "the key thing to do is to claim victory." In a subsequent clip, he stated bluntly regarding a Trump loss, "F--- the voting, let's get right to the violence. We'll have to start smashing pumpkins, if you know what I mean."

Bannon used a broadcast to warn on Jan. 5: "All hell is going to break loose tomorrow. It's all converging and now we're on, as they say, the point of attack, right, the point of attack tomorrow."

Trump consulted with a close adviser, Tom Fitton, about declaring victory before the votes were counted. Fitton told the House committee that preparations for a victory declaration, even if Trump were to lose, began four months before the election.

The insurrection was premeditated, with Trump playing an active role in the planning. The question is whether Attorney General Merrick Garland has the intestinal fortitude to prosecute. The Supreme Court on Thursday indicated in a ruling in another Trump case that it would not intervene to rescue the ex-president.

If Trump isn't held accountable, he or someone inspired by his wanton display of criminal conduct will almost certainly try it again. What would they have to lose?

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YES, HERSCHEL WALKER IS IMPRESSIVE.
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A short historical lesson on the longstanding practice of cheating

By CORY FRANKLIN
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

You don't generally think of the old fishing hole as a place to cheat, and it's unusual to see any cheater get indicted, but it happened last week when authorities charged two fishermen in the Lake Erie Walleye Trail tournament. With more than $28,000 in prize money at stake, an investigation revealed lead weights and fish fillets stuffed into the stomachs of fish caught by the two, meant to increase the weight of their catches.

"I take all crime very seriously, and I believe what these two individuals attempted to do was not only dishonorable but also criminal," Cuyahoga County Prosecutor Michael C. O'Malley said in a news release.

This was one of several high-profile cheating incidents this month. Cheating was alleged in a poker game—nothing new there, considering how poker and cheating have always gone together. But this occurred in a popular California YouTube poker game, a forum "Guys and Dolls" storyteller Damon Runyon never contemplated. One top player accused another of cheating when she called an all-in bet in a game holding cards that anyone else would have folded. Did she know her opponent's hand? Details are still sketchy, and although she denied the charges, she returned $135,000 in chips to settle the matter. That didn't, and suspicions remain high.

A claim of cheating also arose in the rarefied world of high-level chess when a low-ranked young grandmaster beat the No. 1 player in the world in a live-board match, an almost unimaginable occurrence. The top player had little doubt cheating was involved, even though it was not obvious how it was accomplished. What made it more suspicious was that the young player had admitted to past cheating in online tournaments and had been banned for a time in 2020.

None of this is new. As long as there has been competition, there has been cheating. Consider the "innocent" 1950s. Amid Elvis, President Dwight D. Eisenhower and Sputnik ran a deep undercurrent of cheating.

The most famous home run in baseball history is arguably the walk-off by the New York Giants' Bobby Thomson in the ninth inning of the final game of a 1951 National League playoff series with the Brooklyn Dodgers to clinch the pennant. The radio call "The Giants win the pennant!" is a legendary broadcast moment. But it turns out the Giants were cheating by stealing the catcher's signs and relaying them to batters from the scoreboard. Thomson denies seeing this specific signal, but those involved admit they had been telegraphing signals throughout the Giants' pennant run.

Most basketball fans are not aware of it, but a college basketball team once won the NCAA championship and National Invitation Tournament in the same year. (Unlike today, teams were once permitted to enter both.) City College of New York, known as CCNY, won both in 1950. A year later, CCNY and other major universities, including Kentucky and Bradley, were implicated in a point-shaving scheme unrelated to the tournaments. A grand jury intervened, careers were ruined, CCNY deemphasized basketball and Kentucky was forced to cancel a season.

And then, of course, there was the highly publicized quiz show scandal. In 1957, Charles Van Doren, scion of one of America's most prominent intellectual families, became a national celebrity with his success on one of the most popular television quiz shows of the 1950s. In 1959, public faith in quiz shows was nearly destroyed when Van Doren testified before a congressional committee and admitted receiving answers before the contests. (The story of Van Doren and the rigged quiz show was told in the 1994 movie "Quiz Show" starring Ralph Fiennes.)

"Breaking Away" is a poignant 1979 coming-of-age film about a young man with a talent for bicycling who dreams of riding with the Italian national cycling team. When his chance finally arrives, the Italians, contemptuous of this young American who keeps up with them during a ride, sabotage his bike and cause him to have an accident. In the movie's most touching scene, he returns home after being betrayed by his heroes, disabused of his notions, more hurt emotionally than physically.

Sadder but wiser, he tells his father: "Everybody cheats. I just didn't know."

His loving father, who coincidentally happens to be a used-car salesperson, replies tersely: "Well, now you know."

Cheating is wrong, it's unfair, it should be condemned, and as "Breaking Away" shows, it inculcates a corrosive cynicism in our young people. The problem is, whether it's performance-enhancing drugs or deflated footballs, we all have a little larceny in our hearts. The wrestler Eddie Guerrero is famous for saying, "If you're not cheating, you're not trying." And he eventually became a born-again Christian.

As bad as cheating is, there can be some humor in it. Consider the great Baltimore Orioles manager of the 1970s, Earl Weaver, considered an expert on the baseball rules and who took them seriously. He once brought a rule book on the field to point out where an umpire got it wrong. The umpire refused to listen, and an enraged Weaver tore up the rule book on the field in front of the fans, a confetti of rules flying everywhere.

Once when one of his young pitchers had just given up several hits and was facing bases loaded, Weaver came to the mound and said simply, "Son, if you know how to cheat, I wouldn't wait any longer."

Dr. Cory Franklin is a retired intensive care physician.

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'We show our love for our land and culture in what we do'

By CHRISTINA "TINA" SABLAN
Special to the Saipan Tribune

Rep. Christina "Tina" Sablan (D-Saipan) is a member of the House of Representatives in the 22nd Legislature and is the Democratic Party candidate for governor this November.

I have heard from enough people to know that our opponents are on a quiet, mean, and frankly racist misinformation campaign against both Leila Fleming Staffler and me. Attacking us for not being fluent in the Chamorro language. Falsely accusing us of not valuing our indigenous Chamorro and Refaluwasch cultures. Falsely claiming that we would abolish Article 12 if elected. Even attacking us for only being "half" Chamorro and (in my case) falsely claiming that I am not Chamorro at all.

One of the qualities I have always admired in Leila is her sincerity, how she puts her heart out there again and again and shows her courage in being vulnerable. She recently shared on social media one of the bravest, most heartfelt statements I have seen, that spoke to why we, like so many others in the Marianas, aren't as fluent in Chamorro as we wish—and how that doesn't make us less indigenous, or less respectful and embracing of the island cultures that raised us to be who we are today. Here is that statement, along with my comment among many others in the thread: https://bit.ly/LeilaFBpost.

Leila and I both show our love for our cultures in the things that we do. Leila just completed her second cultural documentary film, this one exploring ancient latte sites and traditional healing plants in the Marianas. I have conducted oral history interviews with indigenous veterans and civilian survivors of war, and studied the indigenous experience of war. I am also learning Chamorro with my dad, studying our family's genealogy, and writing down the stories I have heard from elders about our family's history.

In our work in the Legislature, Leila and I have supported local funding for Chamorro and Refaluwasch immersion programs in our public schools, and for the operations of the Indigenous Affairs, Carolinian Affairs, and Northern Islands Mayor's Offices. We both objected to the appalling desecration of ancestral remains at the casino construction site in Garapan. We both opposed the military's proposals to conduct intensive live fire training on Tinian, and turn Pagan into a bombing range. We will continue to advocate for the protection of our natural, cultural, and historic resources, and elevate these invaluable assets in our economic development plans for the Commonwealth. This includes our plans to establish a much-needed cultural center in the Marianas, where people may learn and teach our traditions.

Years ago, I was part of a lawsuit against the CNMI government to protect the sensitive natural, cultural, and historic resources of Marpi, and to compel the government to follow federal and local laws requiring due diligence and public consultation for development. One of the victories that resulted from that lawsuit was getting the government to finally adopt a land use plan for all public lands in the CNMI, which belong to the people of Northern Marianas descent. A public lands plan is required in our laws and constitution, and this mandate was ignored and neglected for years.

Leila and I have both always strongly advocated for better stewardship of our lands, and we recognize that land is intertwined with our cultural heritage. When I was working on my master's in planning at the University of Hawaii, I studied land tenure systems across Oceania, and saw that the CNMI's laws and traditions governing ownership of land are not unique in the context of the Pacific. Land is precious in all of our Pacific cultures.

Also years ago, I wrote an article about Article 12 for MP Magazine. Ed Propst was the magazine's publisher, and the assignment he gave me was to cover both sides of the Article 12 debate. I interviewed many people for this piece. "Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Property in the Northern Mariana Islands" was published in 2007, but the issues I examined then remain relevant to this day. (Here is the article: https://bit.ly/ArticleXII).

Though I had to be objective and avoid expressing my own personal opinions about Article 12 for that piece, my views then and now were the same. Land is precious in the Marianas, and it must be protected. And I have always, always objected to the corrupt land grabs we've seen throughout our history and that continue to this day: the predatory actions of politically connected individuals who have profited from desperation and exploited our people.

So to be clear, for all those who have asked: Leila and I support Article 12. We did NOT support the constitutional initiative recently proposed by a Republican senator to abolish Article 12. Leila and I see Article 12 as an important safeguard, one that has been tested and upheld in our courts, and our administration will uphold it as the law of the land. The protections found in Article 12 were included in our Covenant and approved in our Constitution by a vote of the people. NO GOVERNOR, past, present, or future, can change the Constitution alone, and anyone who says otherwise is simply spreading misinformation. Only the people of the Northern Marianas can decide the fate of Article 12.

Leila and I love our islands. Our hearts are here, with the land and the people we have dedicated our lives to serving. The values that are dear to us—our love of family and culture, our respect for our history, and our commitment to good governance and the wise stewardship of our resources—these are all values instilled in us by the islands that raised us. These are the values that will guide us in leading our Commonwealth to a safer, healthier, more beautiful, and more thriving future.

Si yu'us ma'ase, ghilisou, and God bless our Marianas.

Tinian Typhoon Nightmare

LITERARY NOOK

By JOEY 'PEPE BATBON' CONNOLLY
Special to the Saipan Tribune

Joey aka Pepe Batbon is a retired educator who taught in the CNMI, NOLA, and LVNV. He is a sonnet practitioner who enjoys stargazing.

Here is a new sonnet from Tinian poet laureate Joey "Pepe Batbon" Connolly that is written for the Gineptin Ha'anen, Taga Festival on Oct. 21-22, 2022.

Tonight on the 15th degree north latitude
I'm having a Tinian typhoon nightmare
most of my dreams have a positive attitude
try to stay safe take caution and take care
now Chalan Kaskao muddy coral roads
San Jose village church bell is gone
skies darken, heavy rain, wind explodes
typhoon eye directly overhead at dawn
puti tainobiu flower stands out all alone
trunkon gagu pines bend with the wind
a skinny dog gnaws on a cow's leg bone
when will this typhoon nightmare end
inside the reef big waves crash and surge
the typhoon moves with destructive purge.

Kanye buys his own little piece of free speech

By PARMY OLSON
Bloomberg Opinion

Parmy Olson is a Bloomberg Opinion columnist covering technology. A former reporter for the Wall Street Journal and Forbes, she is author of We Are Anonymous.

It used to be that newspapers were the must-have baubles for wealthy ideologues. Now, social media platforms are becoming the trophy asset of choice for powerful individuals who want to push an anything-goes view on free speech, especially if they're been burned by the rules on more established sites. Kanye West is the latest to throw his hat in the ring to become a platform proprietor, pushing for the "right to freely express ourselves."

The musician and apparel tycoon also known as Ye has agreed to buy Parler, a relatively small forum that calls itself a free-speech alternative to Twitter, according to an announcement from the firm on Monday. Parler is a right-wing network that Apple and Google temporarily kicked off their app stores following reports that it was used to plan the storming of the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021.

"In a world where conservative opinions are considered to be controversial, we have to make sure we have the right to freely express ourselves," Ye said in a press release announcing the deal. About a week ago, the rapper was suspended from Twitter and Instagram for antisemitic posts, including a tweet that he was going to go "death con 3 On JEWISH PEOPLE."

He joins a motley crew of volatile plutocrats who want to host their own free speech playgrounds, where users can post extremist viewpoints, conspiracy theories and more. Elon Musk is on course to wrangle Twitter Inc., and Donald Trumpwho was also banned from Twitter and Facebook for inciting violencehas built the platform Truth Social.

Nothing is straightforward about any of these deals.

For a start, we don't know how much Ye agreed to pay for Parler, or if he has managed to pull together adequate funding for an acquisition. Parlement Technologies, which owns Parler, said Monday that it had "entered into an agreement in principle," with Ye and didn't disclose financial terms. Neither the company nor Ye responded to questions about the deal.

Musk's Twitter acquisition is hardly a done deal either, and Truth Social's funding via a blank check company, which was created to take it public for about $1 billion, has also been beset by delays.

If all three deals get completed, the internet might just enter uncharted territory with a trio of platforms controlled by capricious billionaires and a seemingly unhinged celebrity. But maybe not. This evolution isn't quite so unusual when you consider that for more than a century, traditional media has been steered by powerful proprietors, from Rupert Murdoch to Ted Turner, with a range of crackpot owners in between.

Henry Ford, for instance, owned the notorious Dearborn Independent weekly newspaper from 1919 to 1927, which he used to promote shockingly antisemitic views, with articles claiming that a vast Jewish conspiracy was infecting the U.S. and that Jews were bent on corrupting the world through wars and the stock market. The paper had a circulation of about 500,000 and was distributed throughout the U.S. via Ford's network of car dealerships.

In the U.K., aristocratic brothers Alfred and Harold Harmsworth started the Daily Mail newspaper in 1896, to publicly cheer for British imperialism, as well as the rise of fascism in Europe and in Germany in the 1930s.

Though today's social media proprietors are focusing on free speech, they may eventually come to echo their 20th century predecessors by pushing an agenda with their platforms. It won't be as simple as printing a punchy editorial in a newspaper, but there are still levers these owners can pull to amplify a message directly from their profiles or from their supporters.

For Trump, that goal is likely to try and get himself elected again, while for Musk that might mean promoting his own companies via Twitter. Kanye's crude and bizarre statements about race have been all over the place, so it's unclear what ideas he may try to promote through Parler. The site has about 16 million registered users, a spokesman for Parler tells me. On Truth Social, Donald Trump has just over 4 million followers.

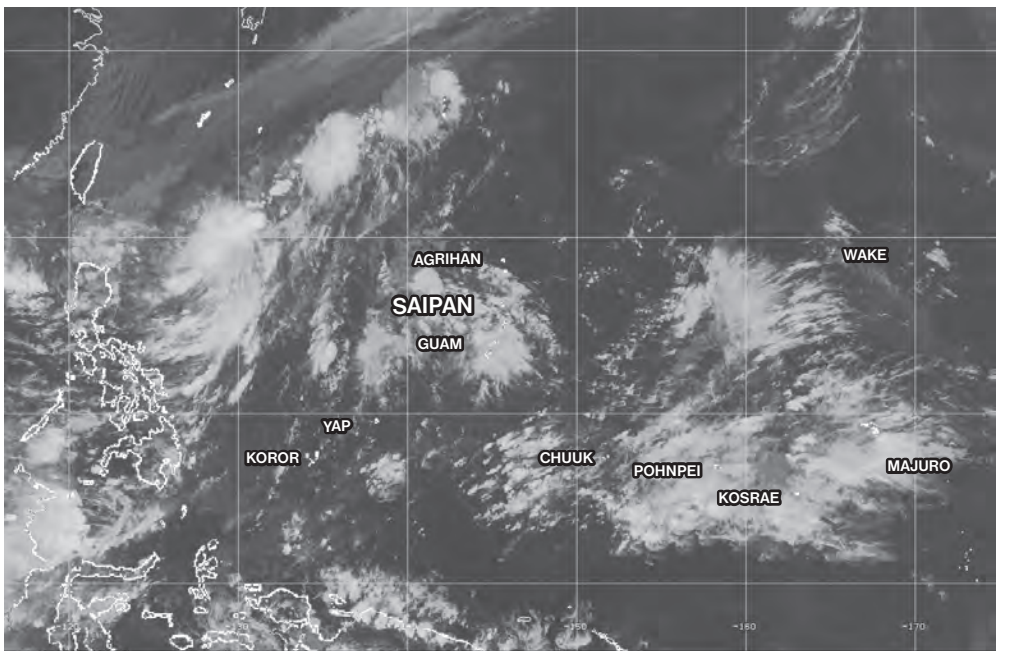
These figures are tiny next to Twitter, which has more than 230 million active users, and Facebook which has almost 3 billion. But wealthy proprietors who dabble at the fringes could still cause trouble, particularly if they allow conspiracy theories as crazy as QAnon to flourish. That would do tremendous damage.

The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
Scattered showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy	Scattered showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy	A 40 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy	A chance of showers. Mostly cloudy	A chance of showers. Mostly cloudy
88° 76°	84° 78°	84° 78°	84° 78°	83° 78°

YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A weak trade-wind trough is moving through the Marianas this morning, with cloudy skies and scattered showers. Moderate trade winds are present, with combined seas of 4-5 feet only partially represented at Tanapag and Ritidian buoys with 3-4 ft indications in the absence of data on east swell from the inoperative Ipan buoy.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA		▲ ▼ °F
Guam and Rota	Scattered Thunderstorms	86° / 78°
Palau	Scattered Thunderstorms	85° / 77°
Yap	Thunderstorms	86° / 78°
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	85° / 77°
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	85° / 75°
Kosrae	Isolated Thunderstorms	86° / 80°
Majuro	Thunderstorms	85° / 79°

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	6:09 AM	5:53 PM
Friday	6:09 AM	5:53 PM
Saturday	6:10 AM	5:52 PM
Sunday	6:10 AM	5:52 PM
Monday	6:10 AM	5:51 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	1:27 AM	2:35 PM	-
Friday	2:18 AM	3:13 PM	-
Saturday	3:08 AM	3:50 PM	-
Sunday	3:58 AM	4:27 PM	-
Monday	4:49 AM	5:05 PM	-

AROUND THE GLOBE		▲ ▼ °F
Auckland	Showers	64° / 55°
Beijing	Cloudy	65° / 43°
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	78° / 74°
Honolulu	Showers	84° / 71°
London	Light Rain	63° / 53°
Los Angeles	Sunny	92° / 68°
Manila	Thunderstorms	86° / 77°
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	71° / 55°
Miami	Partly Cloudy	87° / 70°
New York	Mostly Sunny	56° / 42°
Osaka	Sunny	72° / 53°
Paris	Light Rain	70° / 60°
Busan	Sunny	70° / 53°
Rome	Sunny	78° / 57°
Salem	Sunny	61° / 33°
San Francisco	Mostly Sunny	78° / 54°
Seoul	Sunny	66° / 45°
Tokyo	Sunny	66° / 53°
Washington, DC	Mostly Sunny	56° / 37°

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY		FEET
2:31 AM	High Tide	1.28
9:47 AM	Low Tide	0.21
5:14 PM	High Tide	1.68
11:14 PM	Low Tide	0.94

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF OCTOBER 6, 2022

DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA117	9:50AM	10:30AM	Daily
UA156	6:30PM	7:15PM	6

GUAM-MANILA (MNL)

PR 111	6:00AM	8:00AM	Daily
UA193	7:05PM	10:55PM	5 via Palau
UA183	7:20PM	9:10PM	Daily

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

UA117/183	9:50AM	9:10PM	Daily via Guam
UA117/193	9:50AM	10:55PM	5 via Guam, Palau
OZ624/701	4:00PM	11:05AM+1	3,6 via Incheon

SAIPAN-INCHEON (ICN)

TW308	3:30PM	7:20PM	3, 4, 6, 7
7C3405	3:30PM	7:25PM	6
7C3405	3:50PM	7:45PM	3, 4, 7
OZ624	4:00PM	7:40PM	3, 6

SAIPAN-NARITA

UA824	7:00AM	9:30AM	1, 3, 5

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

7C3451	3:00PM	6:35PM	3, 7

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA174	8:00AM	8:45AM	Daily
UA112	4:40PM	5:30PM	6

MANILA (MNL)-GUAM

PR110	10:00PM	4:00AM+1	Daily
UA184	10:25PM	4:25AM+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA192	10:25PM	6:15AM+1	5 via Palau
UA184	11:50PM	5:40AM+1	5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

UA184/174	10:25PM	8:45AM+1	1,2,3, 4, 6,7 via Guam
UA192/174	10:25PM	8:45AM+1	5 via Palau, Guam
UA192/112	10:25PM	5:30pm+1	5 via Palau, Guam
UA184/174	11:50PM	8:45AM+1	5 via Guam
UA184/112	11:50PM	5:30pm+1	5 via Guam
OZ704/623	11:55PM	2:30PM+1	2,5 via Incheon

INCHEON (ICN)-SAIPAN

7C3406	8:30AM	2:10PM	6
7C3406	8:50AM	2:30PM	4
7C3406	8:50AM	2:50PM	3, 7
OZ623	9:00AM	2:30PM	3, 6
TW307	9:00AM	2:30PM	4, 6, 7
TW307	9:15AM	2:30PM	3

NARITA-SAIPAN

UA825	9:25PM	2:00 AM+1	2, 4, 7

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

7C3452	9:00AM	2:00PM	3, 7

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); UA United Airlines; PR, Philippine Airlines; TW, T'Way Air; OZ, Asiana Airlines; 7C, Jeju Air; BX, Air Busan • ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. *(The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)*

MARIANAS SOUTHERN AIRWAYS

INITIAL DAILY FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF AUGUST 18, 2022

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
7:00 A.M.	7:15 A.M.	(Except Sundays)
9:50 A.M.	10:05 A.M.	
4:00 P.M.	4:15 P.M.	(Except Saturdays)

TINIAN TO SAIPAN

DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
7:35 A.M.	7:50 A.M.	(Except Sundays)
10:25 A.M.	10:40 A.M.	
4:35 P.M.	4:50 P.M.	(Except Saturdays)

SAIPAN TO ROTA

DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
8:10 A.M.	8:40 A.M.	
1:45 P.M.	2:15 P.M.	

ROTA TO SAIPAN

DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
9:00 A.M.	9:30 A.M.	
2:35 P.M.	3:05 P.M.	

SAIPAN TO GUAM

DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
11:10 A.M.	12:00 P.M.	
5:15 P.M.	6:05 P.M.	

GUAM TO SAIPAN

DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
12:30 P.M.	1:20 P.M.	
6:40 P.M.	7:30 P.M.	

STAR MARIANAS AIR, INC.

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF JUNE 1, 2022

SAIPAN TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
1301	8:30	9:00	Daily
1302	11:00	11:30	Mon/Wed/Fri
1302	12:00	12:30	Tues/Thurs/ Sat/Sun
1303	15:30	16:00	Daily

ROTA TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
3101	9:30	10:00	Daily
3102	13:00	13:30	Tues/Thurs/ Sat/Sun
3102	14:00	14:30	Mon/Wed/Fri
3103	16:30	17:00	Daily

ROTA TO GUAM

LIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
3401	12:00	12:30	Mon/Wed/Fri

GUAM TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
4301	13:00	13:30	Mon/Wed/Fri

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
1202	8:00	8:15	Daily
1203	9:00	9:15	Daily
1204	10:00	10:15	Daily
1208	14:00	14:15	Daily
1209	15:00	15:15	Daily
1210	16:00	16:15	Daily
1211	17:00	17:15	Daily

TINIAN TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
2102	8:30	8:45	Daily
2103	9:30	9:45	Daily
2104	10:30	10:45	Daily
2108	14:30	14:45	Daily
2109	15:30	15:45	Daily
2110	16:30	16:45	Daily
2111	17:30	17:45	Daily

Atkins Kroll Guam receives SHARP certification

TAMUNING, Guam—In a Tuesday ceremony at the Atkins Kroll Toyota Showroom, the Guam Department of Labor recognized Atkins Kroll Inc., an Inchcape company, as the region and island's first company to be awarded the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's Safety & Health Achievement Recognition Program certification. As a SHARP site, AK Guam will be exempt from programmed OSHA inspections for two years.

Atkins Kroll president Alex Yap is presented with OSHA SHARP Certification by Guam Department of Labor director David Dell'Isola during a presentation in the Atkins Kroll Toyota Showroom on Tuesday, Oct. 18. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

In all of Region IX, which includes California, Nevada, Arizona, Hawaii, American Samoa, Guam, and Northern Mariana Islands, AK is the only automotive dealership to receive a SHARP certification.

Alex Yap, president of Atkins Kroll Inc., said, "Safety is paramount to all that we do here at AK. While achieving this certification was by no means an easy feat, we are committed to providing a healthy and safe work environment for our employees. Protecting them and the safety of our customers was our motivating factor."

SHARP recognizes businesses that use OSHA's On-Site Consultation Program services and operates exemplary worksite safety and health programs. The recognition comes after months of collaborating with GDOL's OSHA On-site Consultation Division to elevate AK's workplace safety. The safety and health consultation program is completely separate from the OSHA inspection effort and helps companies to identify potential hazards at their workplace, improve programs that are already in place, and qualify for SHARP.

"This is an impressive achievement for AK and a win for Guam," said GDOL director Dave Dell'Isola. "AK is the first company on the island and in the Pacific to achieve this, even before Hawaii. We hope more companies follow suit and consider working with us to improve overall safety in the workplace."

Jesse Pangelinan, program manager at GDOL's OSHA On-Site Consultation Division, said, "I congratulate AK Guam on its recognition from the OSHA National Office for SHARP. I have seen AK Guam's program and team's efforts improve every year. They've reduced the company's Incidents Rate and DART Rates (Days Away, Restricted, or Transferred); improved its safety and health programs; and continuously increased training and hazard identification. I look forward to working with AK to maintain its SHARP status for the future."

Yap added, "We thank GDOL for its partnership and guidance. Receiving this award means so much to our company as it shows we are doing right by our team and making AK a safer and better place to work." ***(AK)***

Atkins Kroll president Alex Yap and AK employees receive the official certificate from Guam Department of Labor during a presentation in the AK Toyota Showroom. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

DFEMS reaches out to schools

The CNMI Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services concluded its celebration of National Fire Prevention week with an outreach to select schools on Saipan.

From Oct. 9, to Oct. 15, DFEMS celebrated National Fallen Firefighters Day and National Fire Prevention Week. The theme for National Fire Prevention Week was "Fire won't wait, plan your escape."

To cap the weeklong celebration, DFEMS visited select schools for a meet-and-greet, where students were given an opportunity to meet with local firefighters to learn about the importance of coming up with an escape plan in the case of a home fire.

According to DFEMS spokesperson Robert Mojica, from the Oct. 12 through Oct. 14, DFEMS, Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting, and American Red Cross-NMI Chapter visited Francisco M. Sablan Middle School, Tanapag Middle School, and Cha Cha Ocean View Jr. High to teach students about fire safety and how to create a plan for escape in case there is a fire in the home.

The DFEMS' mascot, Sparky, was also brought to the schools during the meet-and-greet.

Last Oct. 4, DFEMS, ARFF, and American Red Cross had a proclamation signing at the Office of the Governor. Also, last Oct. 7, DFEMS held its Red Mass at Kristo Rai to honor fallen firefighters.

DFEMS, ARFF, and CPA also held a Muster Challenge for the public at the Saipan International Airport field to give the public a chance to see what it's like to be a fireman for a day. ***(Kimberly B. Esmores)***

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ITB23-OPA-01
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)
RFP23-OPA-01
SUBMISSION/OPENING DATE: October 28, 2022 | TIME: 4:00 P.M.

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TEMPORARY PUBLIC AUDITOR

/s/ MICHELLE A. CAMACHO
PROCUREMENT OFFICER

COMMONWEALTH UTILITIES CORPORATION
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

INVITATION FOR BIDS
CUC-IFB-23-001

Sewer Main and Manhole Replacement Project (Chinatown and Navy hill)

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Sewer Main and Manhole Replacement Project (Chinatown and Navy Hill) in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The project consists of the installation of gravity sewer main, new service laterals, connection to existing service laterals, and the installation of sewer manholes.

The project is funded by a grant from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and CUC. The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of approval for project award from ARPA.

CUC requires the project to be completed in **365 calendar days** from date of award of contract.

Prospective Bidders for this IFB must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The IFB package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of **$200.00** for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by site visits will be held on **October 17, 2022 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No. 17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

One (1) original and Five (5) copies of the bid MUST be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **"CUC-IFB-23-001, Sewer Main and Manhole Replacement Project (Chinatown and Navy Hill)"** to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on November 7, 2022**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement this form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. **Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.**

A Bid Guarantee of not less than fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the Unites States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety.

A Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent and a Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract. Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

This Invitation for Bids does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of bids in anticipation of a contract.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered bidders and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on October 21, 2022** to Mr. Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Administrator, via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org, with a copy to Larry Manacop, Acting Chief Engineer for Water/Wastewater via email at larry.manacop@cucgov.org, Joel Puyat, CUC's Water/Wastewater Engineer via email at joel.puyat@cucgov.org and Ms. Christie L. Sablan CUC's Procurement & Supply, Senior Administrative Technician. via email address at christie.sablan@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids for any reason and waive any defects in said bid proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

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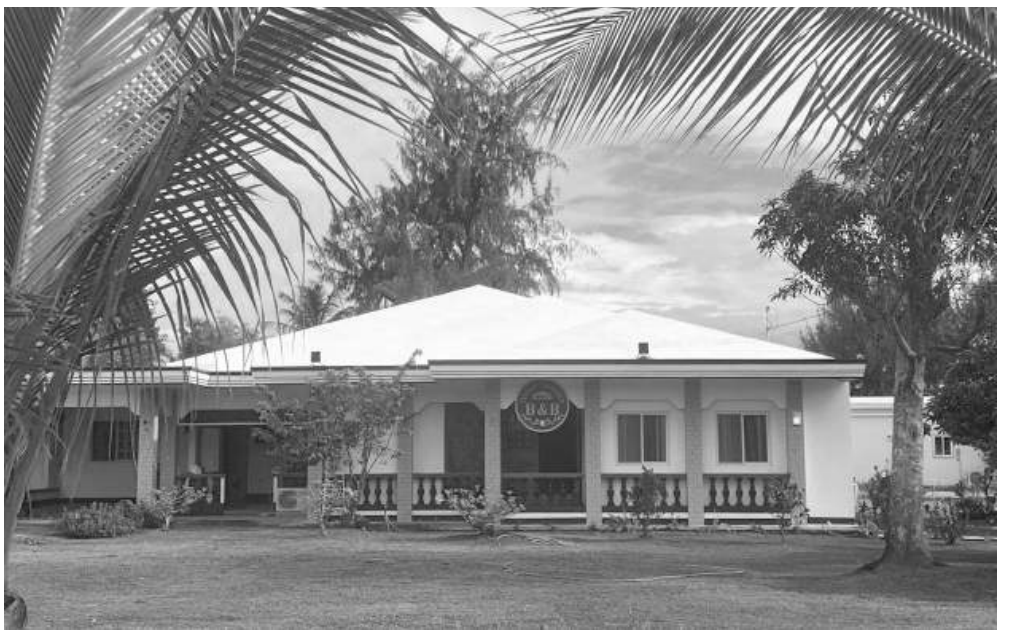
Business

Triple J opens most modern bed and breakfast in CNMI

TINIAN, CNMI—The grand opening of the Tinian Garden Bed & Breakfast facility took place last Oct. 11 hosted by Triple J and attended by Tinian's island dignitaries, government officials, business leaders, and close friends.

Tinian Mayor Edwin P. Aldan congratulated Triple J on the opening of Tinian Garden Bed & Breakfast and added that, "Accommodations for lodging have been very limited on Tinian, especially during our annual events, where off-island visitors and guests want to visit and enjoy our festivals. I applaud Triple J for recognizing the need for more lodging accommodations on Tinian and for their amazing first-class design and unique themes for each room at an affordable rate! Adding lodging accommodations will greatly assist in revitalizing Tinian's tourism industry, so I would like to thank Triple J Enterprises and Mr. Robert Jones for identifying and filling this need."

The first paying guest at the Tinian Garden B&B was Leonard Kaae, senior vice president and general manager of Black Construction Corporation in Guam and Micronesia. He stated, "I had the distinct privilege to be one of the first patrons to stay at the Garden B & B on Tinian last week. My room was very spacious with a vibrant décor and amenities included a wardrobe, ice box with quality bottled water, wi-fi, good lighting, good bedding, and a very comfortable bed. The room came with its own full bath complimented with shampoo and conditioner and other special items. Hats off to the owners of the Garden B&B for providing a first-class facility to visitors planning a stay on Tinian. I strongly recommend the Garden B&B for those planning a business trip or just wanting to explore the beautiful island and meet the wonderful people of Tinian."



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Tinian Garden Bed & Breakfast facility is the latest addition to Triple J's Tinian developments.

Tinian Garden Bed & Breakfast facility is the latest addition to Triple J's Tinian developments which include, the Tinian Western Lodge, Hertz/Dollar Rent-A-Car, Bar-K-Diner & Bar-K-Drive-In, Tinian Village Lodge, Tinian Wholesale To Everyone, Tinian Conference Center, and Triple J Tire Lube & Car Wash Shop, which opened in April 2021.

"Over 38 years ago, Triple J made plans to help improve the quality of lives and build better communities in the CNMI and we continue to be passionately committed to that promise. Adding a bed and breakfast to our growing portfolio only made sense. We had an opportunity to lease and renovate a structure to intrigue our travelers that were already surrounded by our existing compound. At the time, it was a three-bedroom, two-bathroom house. We added rooms and converted it into a six-bedroom house, each with its own private bathroom stocked with varied amenities for guest's comfort, a large lounge, kitchen, and laundry. It was a nice house to start however, and we put a lot of creativity and investment into it to give Tinian a top-notch, quality destination B&B, one that can even rival anything in its class on Saipan or Guam. Hopefully this will give the people of Saipan, Rota, and Guam one more reason to come to Tinian. Residents on these islands need affordable destinations to go to for business, weekends, holidays to visit relatives, or for an extended vacation. While on Tinian we hope all will enjoy great food and beverage at our Bar-K Western Diner and lounge," said Robert H. Jones, chairman and CEO of Triple J Enterprises.

Amenities for guests at the Tinian Garden B&B include breakfast at the Bar-K Diner, conveniently located next door. A private bathroom, air-conditioning and wi-fi can be found in all rooms, choice of bed size between queen and twin, large artisan ceiling fans, safes, mini refrigerators, and streaming smart TV in all rooms, ironing board and iron in all rooms, hot water kettles and coffee amenities, on-site laundry facility, elegantly and inviting furnished living room, a large dining area, refrigerator, and a microwave oven inside the kitchen.

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Elegantly and inviting furnished living room is one of the amenities at Tinian Garden Bed & Breakfast.

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A choice of bed size between queen and twin, large artisan ceiling fans, safes, mini refrigerators, and streaming smart TV in all rooms are found at Tinian Garden Bed & Breakfast.

Room rates as low as $100 per day, discounts for weekly stays, and room and car rental packages available. Reservations or inquiries can be made at (670) 433-0044 or email to reservation@tiniangardenbnb.com. ***(PR)***

Angie's Bento House rises in Dandan

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Angie's Bento has spread its wings with the opening of its very own brick and mortar store along the main road in Dandan.

Owner Angie Dueñas said after the popularity of its stall at the Sabalu Market across the Kristo Rai Church, they decided to expand and open a snack bar.

"Actually Angie's Bento has been in operation for the past six years. It started as a home business and then into a stall at the Sabalu Market. Then me and my husband, Anthony, decided to expand as a snack food store a la grab and go," she said.

Like her home business-turned-tent stall, Dueñas' cooking is a mix of local, Filipino, and American dishes.

"Actually most of my food are considered bestsellers, especially my chicken kelaguen, chicken arroz caldo, goto, and of course my undying pork fletada or dinuguan," she said.

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Just some of the grab-and-go food items sold at Angie's Bento House's new brick and mortar store in Dandan.

Aside from local favorites, Angie's Bento House is also known for her Chamorro beef steak, leche flan, puto, pichi pichi, hamburger, hotdogs, and potato chips.

Asked why she braved opening a brick and mortar food stall when she was already making money at Sabalu Market, Dueñas said the Dandan snack bar would finally fulfill her dream of offering her food to a larger section of the local community.

"For this current situation, all small businesses like our's are suffering but still consider myself lucky because a lot of people are still swinging by and patronizing our store," she said.

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Angie's Bento House is located beside LZ Market along the main road of Dandan Village.

The Duenas couple are no neophytes to the food industry as Regina used to run Ann's Creations and Cockpit Café at the commuter terminal of the Saipan airport. Before that, she used to be the manager of New Century Restaurant in the 1990s and also managed In & Out Café in Sadog Tasi.

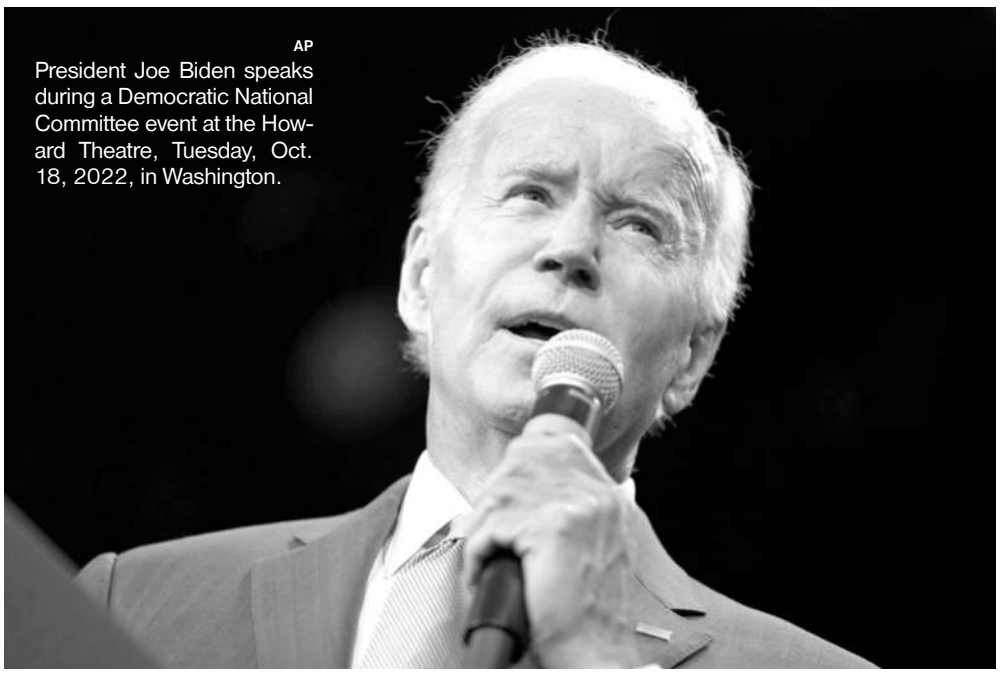
Angie's Bento House, which was established in 2016 after Cockpit Café closed, also offers catering service and delivers to stores around the island.

Currently, they sell their food via consignment at San Antonio Market and WTL Store in San Antonio; Rising Sun Store in Koblerville; Gin Li Store, Lucky D, and Ming Yang Store in San Vicente; Shun Fun Store in Garapan; Cool Laundry store in Finasisu; and Char Thrifty in Oleai.

Angie's Bento House is located beside LZ Market along the main road of Dandan Village. For more information, call (670) 788-1140.

Nation

Biden to release 15M barrels from oil reserve, more possible



AP
President Joe Biden speaks during a Democratic National Committee event at the Howard Theatre, Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2022, in Washington.

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Joe Biden will announce the release of 15 million barrels of oil from the U.S. strategic reserve Wednesday as part of a response to recent production cuts announced by OPEC+ nations, and he will say more oil sales are possible this winter, as his administration rushes to be seen as pulling out all the stops ahead of next month's midterm elections.

Biden will deliver remarks Wednesday to announce the drawdown from the strategic reserve, senior administration officials said Tuesday on the condition of anonymity to outline Biden's plans. It completes the release of 180 million barrels authorized by Biden in March that was initially supposed to occur over six months. That has sent the strategic reserve to its lowest level since 1984 in what the administration called a "bridge" until domestic production could be increased. The reserve now contains roughly 400 million barrels of oil.

Biden will also open the door to additional releases this winter in an effort to keep prices down. But administration officials would not detail how much the president would be willing to tap, nor how much they want domestic and production to increase by in order to end the drawdown.

Biden will also say that the U.S. government will restock the strategic reserve when oil prices are at or lower than $67 to $72 a barrel, an offer that administration officials argue will increase domestic production by guaranteeing a baseline level of demand. Yet the president is also expected to renew his criticism of the profits reaped by oil companies—repeating a bet made this summer that public condemnation would matter more to these companies than shareholders' focus on returns.

It marks the continuation of an about-face by Biden, who has tried to move the U.S. past fossil fuels to identify additional sources of energy to satisfy U.S. and global supply as a result of disruptions from Russia's invasion of Ukraine and production cuts announced by the Saudi Arabia-led oil cartel.

The prospective loss of 2 million barrels a day — 2% of global supply — has had the White House saying Saudi Arabia sided with Russian President Vladimir Putin and pledging there will be consequences for supply cuts that could prop up energy prices. The 15 million-barrel release would not cover even one full day's use of oil in the U.S., according to the Energy Information Administration.

The administration could make a decision on future releases a month from now, as it requires a month and a half for the government to notify would-be buyers.

High court rejects Trump plea to step into Mar-a-Lago case

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Supreme Court on Thursday rejected former President Donald Trump's plea to step into the legal fight over the FBI search of his Florida estate.

The justices did not otherwise comment in turning away Trump's emergency appeal.

Trump had pressed the court on an issue relating to classified documents seized in the search authorized by a federal judge of Mar-a-Lago.

The Trump team was asking the justices to overturn a lower court ruling and permit an independent arbiter, or special master, to review the roughly 100 documents with classified markings that were taken in the Aug. 8 search of Mar-a-Lago.

The move Thursday appears to greatly reduce the potential impact of the special master process to the ongoing Justice Department criminal investigation into the classifed documents.

A federal appeals court had already restored the department's access to the classified documents, which had been investigators' primary goal. And the Supreme Court's decision to stay out of the fray ensures that the special master will not have access to those same records as the FBI and Justice Department evaluate if criminal charges are merited.

A three-judge panel from the Atlanta-based U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit last month limited the special master's review to the much larger tranche of non-classified documents. The judges, including two Trump appointees, sided with the Justice Department, which had argued there was no legal basis for the special master to conduct his own review of the classified records.

But Trump's lawyers said in their application to the Supreme Court that it was essential for the special master to have access to the classified records to "determine whether documents bearing classification markings are in fact classified, and regardless of classification, whether those records are personal records or Presidential records."

World

AS RUSSIA STRIKES POWER PLANTS

Ukrainians brace for winter

KIVSHARIVKA, Ukraine (AP)—Nine-year-old Artem Panchenko helps his grandmother stoke a smoky fire in a makeshift outdoor kitchen beside their nearly abandoned apartment block. The light is falling fast and they need to eat before the setting sun plunges their home into cold and darkness.

Winter's bite is coming. They can feel it in their bones as temperatures drop below freezing. And like hundreds of thousands of other Ukrainians, they are facing a season that promises to be brutal.

Artem and his grandmother have been living without gas, water or electricity for around three weeks, ever since Russian missile strikes cut off the utilities in their town in Ukraine's eastern Kharkiv region. For them and the few other residents that remain in the complex in Kivsharivka, bundling up at night and cooking outdoors is the only way to survive.

"It's cold and there are bombings," Artem said Sunday as he helped his grandmother with the cooking. "It's really cold. I'm sleeping in my clothes in our apartment."

Adding to the foreboding about the coming winter, Russian strikes on Monday and Tuesday in Kyiv, the capital, and several other Ukrainian cities by drones and missiles targeted power plants. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said in a tweet Tuesday that over the past week Russian attacks have knocked out 30% of his country's power plants causing "massive blackouts across the country."

As the freeze sets in, those who haven't fled from the heavy fighting, regular shelling and months of Russian occupation in eastern Ukraine are desperately trying to figure out how to dig in for the cold months.

In the nearby village of Kurylivka, Viktor Palyanitsa pushes a wheelbarrow full of freshly cut logs along the road toward his house. He passes a destroyed tank, the remnants of damaged buildings and the site of a 300-year-old wooden church that was leveled as Ukrainian forces fought to liberate the area from Russian occupiers.

Palyanitsa, 37, said he's gathered enough wood to last the entire winter. Still, he planned to begin sleeping beside a wood-burning stove in a rickety outbuilding and not his home, since all the windows in his house have been blown out by flying shrapnel.

"It's not comfortable. We spend a lot of time on gathering wood. You can see the situation we're living in," Palyanitsa said, quietly understating the dire outlook for the next several months.

Authorities are working to gradually restore electricity to the area in the coming days, and repairs to water and gas infrastructure will come next, according to Roman Semenukha, a deputy with the Kharkiv regional government.

"Only after that will we be able to begin to restore heating," he said.

Authorities were working to provide firewood to residents, he added, but had no timeline for when the utilities would be restored.

Standing beside his pile of split wood, Palyanitsa was not waiting for government help. He said he didn't expect heating to be restored anytime soon, but that he feels ready to fend for himself even once winter sets in.

HK offers new visa to woo talent amid brain drain

HONG KONG (AP)—Hong Kong's leader on Wednesday unveiled a new visa scheme to woo global talent, as the city seeks to stem a brain drain that has risked its status as an international financial center.

Chief Executive John Lee said the new Top Talent Pass Scheme will allow those earning an annual salary of 2.5 million Hong Kong dollars ($318,472) or above and graduates from the world's top universities to work or pursue opportunities in the city for two years.

The bid to attract talent to Hong Kong comes as hundreds of thousands of residents have left the city in recent years, driven by an ongoing political crackdown and diminished freedoms following the implementation of a tough national security law, as well as strict COVID-19 entry restrictions that were in place for much of the pandemic.

Over the last two years, the city's workforce has shrunk by about 140,000 people, Lee said.

"We must be more proactive and aggressive in competing for enterprises and competing for talent," Lee said during his maiden policy address on Wednesday. "Apart from actively nurturing and retaining local talent, the government will proactively trawl the world for talent."

He also announced a raft of proposals — including tax rebates and relaxed measures for hiring foreigners — to boost the city's competitiveness, after its coronavirus restrictions hammered the local economy and drove professionals away.

Foreign new home buyers can receive a partial refund of the stamp duty—a tax levied on property purchases—on their first residential property purchase when they become a permanent resident.

Processes will also be streamlined for companies to employ foreigners in designated professions, with plans to set up a new task force to formulate recruitment strategies and provide support for newcomers.

Lee, a former security chief handpicked by Beijing to lead Hong Kong, is under pressure to reposition the city as a top business and financial hub, after an exodus of residents sparked fears that talent would continue leaving for rival cities like Singapore and Dubai.

The city's population in mid-2022 dropped 1.6% from a year earlier, falling by 113,200 residents, according to government statistics in August.

Singapore overtook Hong Kong in a ranking of global financial centers last month and in August announced a new visa that allows skilled, high-earning foreign talent to work for multiple firms at the same time, instead of just one employer.

Lee also addressed housing and national security policies.

To meet increasing housing demand in the world's most expensive property market, Lee pledged to provide enough land to build 72,000 private residential apartments over the next five years.

Environment

Australia and Singapore strike agreement to achieve net-zero

Prime Minster of Singapore Lee Hsien Loong, left, and Australia's Prime Minster Anthony Albanese shake hands during a press conference at Parliament House in Canberra, Australia, Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2022. AP

CANBERRA, Australia (AP)—Australian and Singaporean leaders announced Tuesday what they described as a world-first agreement to cooperate in transitioning their economies to net-zero greenhouse gas emissions.

Singapore's Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong and Australia's Prime Minister Anthony Albanese outlined their so-called Green Economy Agreement between the two countries after an annual meeting in the Australian Parliament House.

The agreement has 17 components that cover facilitating trade and investment in green services, harmonizing standards and building green growth sectors through collaboration between business.

Australia has committed to reducing its emissions to net-zero by 2050 and Singapore is considering adopting the same target.

Albanese described Singapore as "one of the most innovative economies in the world," while Australia had the potential to become a "renewable energy superpower" due to its vast open spaces and relatively small population.

The agreement "will support clean energy innovation, unlock business opportunities and create jobs, and help deliver our mission's targets while positioning Australia as a renewable energy superpower," Albanese said.

Lee foreshadowed further cooperation in cross-border electricity trade and "sustainable aviation" through what he described as the "world's first such agreement."

"These are all areas which are of interest to Singapore and to Singapore businesses and we hope with a Singapore-Australia GEA they'll be able to move forward," Lee said.

"But we also hope with this GEA will encourage other countries to look at what we have been able to do and to ask whether some of this may not make sense to them to do with Singapore or to do with each other," Lee added.

Singapore is already planning to use solar power from northern Australia transmitted by a 4,200-kilometer (2,600-mile) submarine cable.

Singaporean company Sun Cable plans to start construction in 2024 of the 30 billion Australian dollar ($19 billion) Australia-Asia PowerLink project that will include 12,000 hectares (30,000 acres) of solar panels near the northern Australian city of Darwin.

What we know—and don't—about how climate change impacts hurricanes like Ian

By ALEX HARRIS and NICOLAS RIVERO
MIAMI HERALD

MIAMI—It's a question that follows any natural disaster, especially monster hurricanes like Ian: Was this caused by climate change?

When asked, scientists like Kevin Reed usually push back. Most researchers agree it's not valid to point to a single storm and say it was "caused" by the warming world. Too many variables.

"That is a question that is really difficult to answer. There is no 'what would have September 2022 looked like without climate change?' We don't have that," said Reed, an associate professor in the school of marine and atmospheric sciences at Stony Brook University.

But there's a growing consensus that the sea level rise and higher temperatures in the last hundred years have already impacted storms like Ian, which raked Florida last week, and may continue to do so in the future. At the very least, hotter weather means hotter oceans, which fuel hurricane strength.

"We live in a world that's over 1 degree warmer (Celsius), there's no doubt that hurricanes have changed in some respect because of climate change," he said.

Tom Knutson, a senior scientist at NOAA studying climate and hurricanes, said scientists are most confident in noticing what's changed about storms in the modern world. But less so about being able to connect those changes to climate change. Predicting what the future could hold is even tougher.

That's because hurricanes and global weather patterns are devilishly complicated. Some of the changes in the atmosphere and storms, for example, can be attributed to the high levels of physical air pollution, beyond greenhouse gases, spewed into the atmosphere.

Storm-tracking technology also has massively improved in recent centuries. Scientists agree we now are catching many more "junk storms"—short-lived and weak cyclones—than ever. That can skew data, which is why most scientists are cautious when drawing a direct line between a hotter globe and hurricanes numbers.

"It's quite a complex picture and adding to the complexity, we're inferring many of these things from climate models which themselves have uncertainty," Knutson said. "We have to be careful."

Here's where the science stands on several fronts:

Higher storm surge likely

Sea levels near South Florida have already risen about eight inches since 1950, according to NOAA tidal gauge data. That means the water is starting from a higher base level, allowing hurricane surge to reach a few inches higher and cover more ground.

Researchers expect sea level rise to accelerate as hotter temperatures cause polar ice sheets to melt faster. Over the next century, South Florida can expect to see more than three feet of sea level rise, according to estimates from the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). That will push storm surge higher when hurricanes roll through coastal communities.

One 2020 study modeled what 21 hurricanes that struck between 2000 and 2013 might look like under the climate conditions expected in 2100. The researchers estimated that, on average, floods would have been about 30% worse and covered about a quarter more land.

More extreme rainfall

One of the most straightforward connections between climate change and hurricanes is rain. Like anyone who's experienced humidity knows, warmer air holds more moisture.

For every 2 degrees Fahrenheit of warming, there is about 8% more water in the atmosphere, and the world has warmed at least 2 degrees Fahrenheit since pre-industrial times.

So perhaps it's no surprise that one study of the 2020 hurricane season found an average 8% increase in 3-day rainfall totals for hurricanes, and a 5% increase for tropical storms.

The lead author, Stony Brook's Reed, said they also found that a hotter planet increased the rate of rainfall. In the 2020 season, three-hour rainfall rates would increase 10% or higher for tropical storms and hurricanes.

Some risks too big: Insurers withdraw from fossil projects

BERLIN (AP)—Insurance companies that have long said they'll cover anything, at the right price, are increasingly ruling out fossil fuel projects because of climate change—to cheers from environmental campaigners.

More than a dozen groups that track what policies insurers have on high-emissions activities say the industry is turning its back on oil, gas and coal.

The alliance, Insure Our Future, said Wednesday that 62% of reinsurance companies—which help other insurers spread their risks—have plans to stop covering coal projects, while 38% are now excluding some oil and natural gas projects.

In part, investors are demanding it. But insurers have also begun to make the link between fossil fuel infrastructure, such as mines and pipelines, and the impact that greenhouse gas emissions are having on other parts of their business.

This includes extreme weather events such as hurricanes, which are forecast to become more potent with global warming. Hurricane Ian recently caused tens of billions of dollars in damage in the United States.

Earlier this month Munich Re, one of the world's biggest reinsurers, said it would stop backing new oil and gas fields beginning next April.

"Insurance is the Achilles heel of the fossil fuel industry and has the power to accelerate the transition to clean energy," said Peter Bosshard, the report's author.

That's because projects that require large amounts of capital are unlikely to attract investment if they can't get insurance to cover potentially costly mishaps.

Insure Our Future said its annual scorecard of 30 companies ranked Allianz, AXA and Axis Capital best for their coal exit policies, while Aviva, Hannover Re and Munich Re came out on top for oil and natural gas.

By contrast, some insurers such as Berkshire Hathaway, Starr and Everest Re have adopted few or no restrictions coal, oil or gas projects, it said. The alliance also criticized Lloyd's of London for announcing plans for ending coal coverage two years ago but then declaring it optional.

Climate activists lie after painting "stop funding fossil fuels" on the square in front of the Euro sign in Frankfurt, during "Fridays for Future" event, Oct. 29, 2021. AP

Life & Style

Rape allegations aired against '70s Show' actor Masterson

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A prosecutor on Tuesday described rape allegations by three women against "That '70s Show" actor Danny Masterson from two decades ago that contained some of the same disturbing elements.

Two women became woozy or passed out after a couple drinks and were tossed in his hot tub, Deputy District Attorney Reinhold Mueller said in his opening statement in Masterson's trial. One of them said he dragged her to his bed where she regained consciousness to find him having sex with her. A third woman, an ex-girlfriend, said she woke up to find him on top of her.

Masterson's lawyer said the reason the allegations had so much in common is that the alleged victims violated a detective's warning not to speak with each other and had "cross-pollinated" their accounts and undermined their credibility.

"If you speak to each other you will contaminate this case," they were told, defense attorney Phillip Cohen said in Los Angeles Superior Court. "Speaking to each other and other witnesses is fatal to a case."

Masterson, 46, has pleaded not guilty to three counts of forcible rape between 2001 and 2003 at his Hollywood home, which functioned as a social hub when he was at the height of his fame.

Cohen urged the jurors not to consider Masterson's affiliation with the Church of Scientology and its relationship to the case, while Mueller said that it helped explain why the women—all former members of the church—waited so long to report the incidents.

Masterson

Two of the alleged victims first went to the church to report what happened to them and were told it wasn't rape and that reporting it to authorities or telling others about it would end with them being ostracized by their closest friends and even family members.

"You essentially become an enemy of the church," Mueller said. "You lose it all."

Cohen said the case had nothing to do with the religion and he repeatedly objected when it was brought up.

Superior Court Judge Charlaine F. Olmedo sternly reminded the lawyers that Scientology would not dominate the trial.

The trial's witness list is full of members and former members of the church, which has a strong presence in Los Angeles and has counted many famous figures among its members. The list includes former member Lisa Marie Presley, the daughter of Elvis Presley and former wife of Michael Jackson, a friend of one of the alleged victims.

One of the women had been Masterson's longtime girlfriend. Another was best friends with his personal assistant, and the third, an actress, was a newer acquaintance.

The friend of his assistant filed a police report because she was unhappy with the way the Scientology ethics board handled her complaint. No charges were brought at the time.

In 2016, she connected and shared stories with the ex-girlfriend who is one of the accusers. Each filed a police report that year. Masterson's former girlfriend said she did so after telling her story to her husband, who helped her understand she had been raped. The third woman went to police in 2017.

Cohen said the heart of the defense was a "sizzle reel of inconsistencies" between what the women initially said and how their accounts changed over time.

A woman who said she was raped after passing out from drinking some of a fruity red vodka drink Masterson gave her told police she had consensual sex with him several months earlier under similar circumstances. She now says that she didn't consent. Masterson doesn't face charges over those allegations.

Another alleged victim went to Masterson's house after he invited her over. She set ground rules that she wouldn't have sex with him and told him "no sex" multiple times as fooling around progressed, Mueller said. He described Masterson's alleged assault as being so forceful that the woman vomited in her mouth and was "limp like a rag doll."

But Cohen asserted the woman stayed in bed with Masterson for hours talking and listening to music and thought "we'll probably start dating" after she left. He said she was dismayed when Masterson didn't call or text her.

The former girlfriend said that after she broke up with Masterson she had consensual sex with him two other times.

If convicted, Masterson could face up to 45 years in prison.

The Associated Press does not typically name people who say they were victims of sexual abuse unless they come forward publicly.

Masterson was one of the first Hollywood figures to be charged in the #MeToo era. His is one of several high-profile sexual assault cases that have gone to trial around the fifth anniversary of the reporting of accusations against Hollywood mogul Harvey Weinstein, which transformed the #MeToo movement into an international reckoning.

Kevin Spacey finishes testimony at NY civil sex abuse trial

NEW YORK (AP)—Kevin Spacey remained composed Tuesday during cross examination at a civil trial, repeatedly rejecting suggestions that he wasn't telling the truth when he denied an actor's claims that he made a sexual advance on him when he was 14 in the 1980s.

His testimony for several hours on cross examination by a lawyer for actor Anthony Rapp, 50, went smoothly enough that Spacey's lawyer did not ask any questions after the examination was completed by early afternoon. Rapp testified earlier in the trial, now in its third week. He is seeking $40 million in damages.

Addressing Rapp's lawyer as "sir," Spacey didn't seem rattled a day after he emotionally testified that he regretted following the advice of his handlers to be "friendly and cordial" in responding to Rapp's claims in 2017 that Spacey picked him up and briefly laid on top of him on a bed in his apartment in 1986 when Rapp was 14 and he was 26.

Spacey

"In my heart, I did not believe this had happened," Spacey said of his reaction to the claims. He said he was "terrified" and went along with his handlers proposal of a public statement saying he didn't recall the encounter but if it happened, "I owe him the sincerest apology for what would have been deeply inappropriate drunken behavior."

"The whole thing was horrifying," Spacey said.

Rapp's claims, and those of others, abruptly interrupted what had been a high-flying career for the two-time Academy Award winning actor, who lost his job on the Netflix series "House of Cards" and saw other opportunities dry up. Rapp is a regular on TV's "Star Trek: Discovery" and was part of the original Broadway cast of "Rent."

Spacey, 63, admitted entertaining Rapp and Rapp's friend, John Barrowman, one evening in 1986 after they saw Spacey perform in "Long Day's Journey into Night." But he said if he had a romantic interest, it was Barrowman, not Rapp, who was performing at the time in "Precious Sons" on Broadway.

Rapper-actor Kaalan Walker gets 50 years for rape sentence

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Actor and rapper Kaalan Walker has been sentenced to 50 years to life in prison for his conviction for raping aspiring models he met online, authorities said.

Walker, 27, was sentenced Monday in Superior Court in Los Angeles following his April conviction on three counts of forcible rape, one count of assault to commit oral copulation, two counts of statutory rape and two counts of rape by intoxication.

His lawyer, Andrew Flier, said the trial was unfair. He called the sentence "draconian" and said it would be appealed, NBC News reported.

Walker, whose rapper name is KR, played a gang member in the 2018 remake of the movie "Superfly" and also appeared in the 2017 film "Kings," starring Halle Berry and Daniel Craig.

He was arrested in 2018 and charged with a series of assaults dating back to 2016 involving four women and three teenage girls.

Prosecutors said Walker used social media to contact aspiring models and offer them phony professional opportunities so they would meet him, then assaulted them.

Husband has begun wearing his birthday suit at home

DEAR ABBY: I'm so disgusted. My husband has started walking around the house with no underwear, letting it all hang out, so to speak. Then he makes comments like, "Doesn't this look good?" I'm sickened by his behavior. I feel violated. How do I tell him to stop without hurting his male pride?

COVERING MY EYES IN TENNESSEE

DEAR COVERING: I'm sorry you didn't mention how old your husband is and how long you two have been married, but any radical change in an older person's behavior could indicate a serious medical problem. Consider discussing this with your doctor because your exhibitionist spouse may need a medical and neurological exam to see if he has experienced a small stroke or the beginnings of dementia. If he's still a "young-un," give him the affirmation he is asking for and then ask him to cover up.

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DEAR ABBY: When my husband and I first got married, I became pregnant with twins. I miscarried one of them, but the other was born healthy. Ever since he was very young, our son has mentioned that he felt like he should be a twin or he wishes he were one. My husband and I are torn about whether we should tell him he was. It may give him comfort and an understanding about why he feels this way, but it also may cause him pain and grief knowing he lost a sibling. Any advice?

SENSITIVE MOM IN THE EAST

DEAR MOM: You didn't mention how old your son is. If he is into his teens or older, the next time he raises the subject, you and his father should tell him the truth. While he may be sad to have been unable to have a relationship with his twin, he may be glad to know his longing for twinship was related to the circumstances of his gestation and birth, and not a fantasy.

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DEAR ABBY: I have a new office mate, and we are not hitting it off well. From the beginning, I tried to engage her in friendly small talk, but I get nothing back except what seems to be defensive feedback. Every time I start a conversation, I end up feeling like I offended her. I have never felt so uncomfortable with someone I've worked with, and I have been working for many decades. At this point, I now say "good morning" and tell her to have a nice night when I'm leaving. When she communicates, she uses baby talk and likes to make faces. She is so creepy. Any suggestions?

WEIRDED OUT IN FLORIDA

DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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DEAR WEIRDED OUT: An office is not a social club. This woman is clearly not capable of engaging in the kind of banter you are used to. Accept it. Be pleasant and businesslike, and focus on the tasks at hand. If the face-making and baby talk become more than you can tolerate, and because these behaviors distract from your work, discuss them with your supervisor or your employer.

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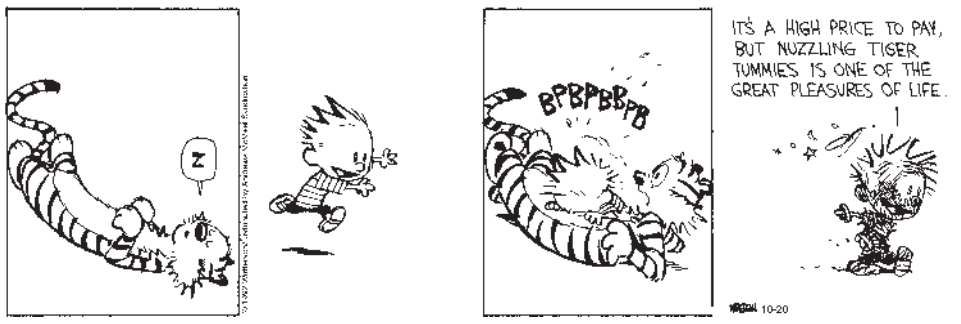
Good advice for everyone – teens to seniors – is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for $8 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson



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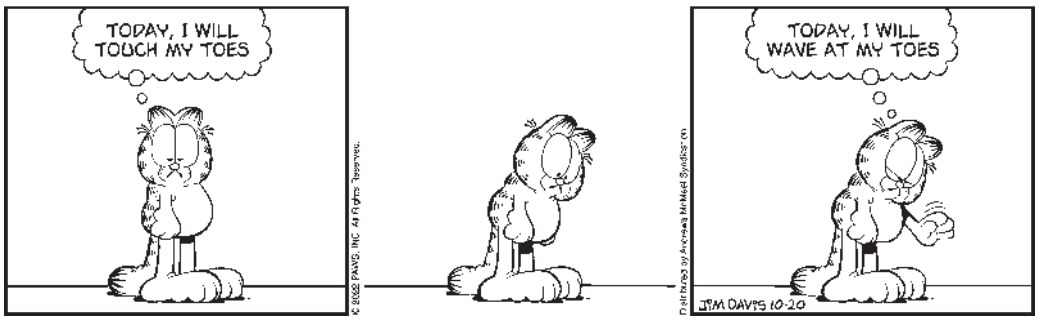

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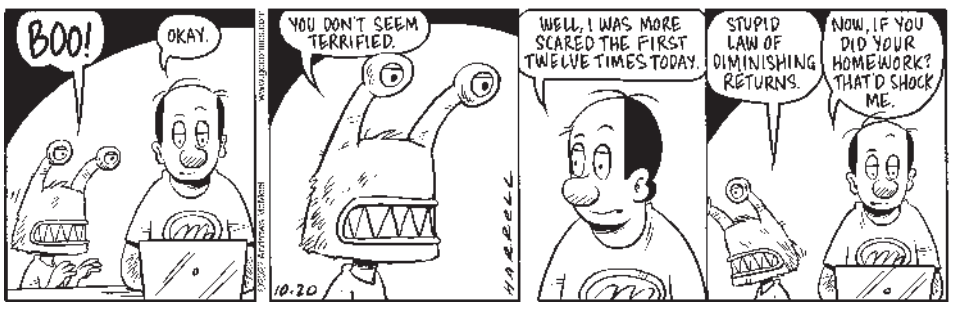
By Bryan Basset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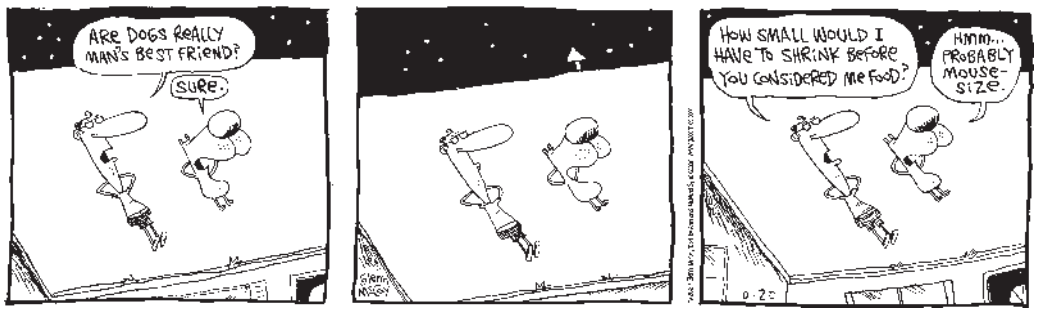
YOU DON'T SEEM TERRIFIED.
WELL, I WAS MORE SCARED THE FIRST TWELVE TIMES TODAY.
STUPID LAW OF DIMINISHING RETURNS.
NOW, IF YOU DID YOUR HOMEWORK? THAT'D SHOCK ME.

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy


ARE DOGS REALLY MAN'S BEST FRIEND?
SURE.
HOW SMALL WOULD I HAVE TO SHRINK BEFORE YOU CONSIDERED ME FOOD?
HMM... PROBABLY MOUSE-SIZE.

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Apple computer
5 "Terrific!"
8 Baby carriage
12 Man-handle
13 Greek P
14 Chantilly, e.g.
15 River in Tuscany
16 Nosh
17 Suffix for billion
18 Ripen
20 Shake-speare verse
22 Dict. info
23 Ump
24 Ado
27 Elite athletes
32 Author Fleming
33 Mauna —
34 Part of UCLA
35 Home of Coney Island
38 Chari-table gift
39 New Deal org.
40 Lair
42 Soft and weak
45 Angry looks
49 Actor Rickman
50 Airport screening org.
52 Persia, today
53 Vend
54 The Magic, on score-boards
55 1492 vessel
56 Slithery
57 Zero
58 Sporty car roof

DOWN

1 Mosque VIP
2 "Her" actress Rooney
3 Cousin's mom
4 Puffy sky sights
5 Plummet
6 "Caught ya!"
7 Automa-tons, for short
8 Mars, for one
9 April shower
10 Land measure
11 Bump into
19 Con-cerning
21 Choice words?
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25 Former Mideast gp.
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29 End of a sea voyage
30 Computer acronym
31 Snake's warning
36 With candor
37 Den-nings of "2 Broke Girls"
38 Conse-crate with oil
41 Hosp. triage area
42 Lighten
43 Run off
44 Thames town
46 Legal docu-ment
47 iPod variety
48 Lose it
51 Lanka lead-in

Solution time: 24 mins.

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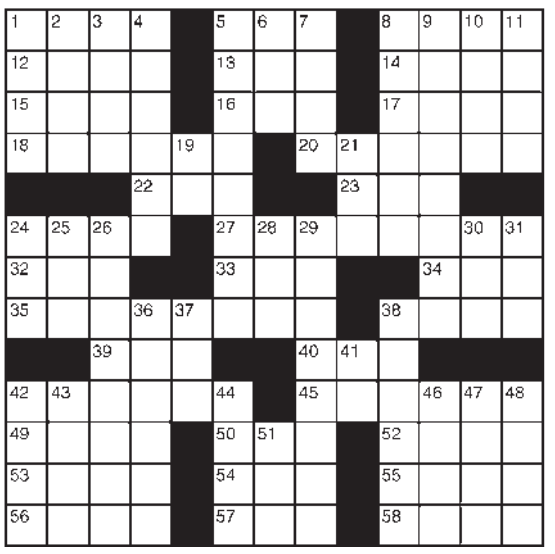

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Alona Tal, 39; John Krasinski, 43; Snoop Dogg, 51; Viggo Mortensen, 64.

Happy Birthday: The trick is to keep everything moving. Refuse to let outsiders slow you down. Map out what you want to accomplish, what's important to you and who you want to spend your time with, then act accordingly. Opportunity is within reach, but it will only happen if you take responsibility and make things happen. Act, and everything else will fall into place. Your numbers are 8, 10, 14, 26, 32, 39, 47.

ARIES *(March 21-April 19):* Share with someone you love. Signing up for something you've always wanted to do will encourage you to branch out and explore new avenues that can lead to less stress. Address outdated concepts and replace them with something applicable. ✪✪✪

TAURUS *(April 20-May 20):* Enjoy what life has to offer. Go where the action is and support the people and organizations that share your beliefs. A partnership will prove lucrative and help you establish what and how to make the most with what you've got. ✪✪✪✪✪

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): A targeted approach to whatever you do will help curb emotional input. Your colleagues and superiors will respect and appreciate a level head and good work ethic. Stick to the facts and offer only what you know you can deliver. ✪✪

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Patience is a virtue and will be your best friend when dealing with domestic issues. Do something that will encourage you to look and be at your finest. How you handle others will determine how much help and understanding you receive. ✪✪✪✪

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Use charm to win favors and encourage better relationships with others. Give an inch and gain an inch by offering incentives. A positive change at home will lift spirits and prompt you to entertain. Discipline will lead to better health and fitness. ✪✪✪

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): A change will occur if you let anger take over. Discover the truth, stick to the rules, ask questions and make changes based on facts. Add to your qualifications and knowledge. ✪✪✪

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Stand tall and speak on behalf of those you care about and want to help. Be an advocate for justice and fair play, and offer valid and challenging options that denounce poor decisions. Live, learn, teach and fight for peace and truth. ✪✪✪✪

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Slow down and look at the fine print. Making a move before you have all the facts will end in disaster. Bide your time and be observant, and you'll find an alternative solution that will turn you into a hero. Make a difference. ✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Opportunity is apparent, so take the initiative to make things happen. Travel, educational pursuits, and working alongside people who contribute as much as you will get the desired results and connections that will help you advance. Make romance a priority. ✪✪✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't put a price on friendship or love. Have patience, listen to complaints and offer suggestions, but don't pay for someone's mistakes. Stick to the truth, but use discretion based on who is within earshot of what you reveal. ✪✪✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Put your energy into something that makes you feel helpful. Making a difference to those you love or someone in need will offer satisfaction beyond financial compensation. Enjoy downtime with someone you love, and discuss your intentions. ✪✪✪

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Take a step back and look at things differently. Taking an objective point of view will help you bounce ideas off those who can offer mental stimulation that piques your imagination and points you in the right direction. Focus on what's possible. ✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are honest, determined and hardworking. You are compassionate and resourceful.

✪: Avoid conflicts; work behind the scenes. ✪✪: You can accomplish, but don't rely on others. ✪✪✪: Focus and you'll reach your goals. ✪✪✪✪: Aim high; start new projects. ✪✪✪✪✪: Nothing can stop you; go for gold.

SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Difficulty Level ★★★ 10/20

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesturday Answer

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WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the **WONDERWORD.**

CLAWS Solution: 6 letters

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Stanton, Judge HR, Yankees beat Guards, into ALCS vs Astros

NEW YORK (AP)—Gleyber Torres stepped on second base for the final out, swinging his arms back and forth, four times in all, while glaring at Josh Naylor and the Guardians dugout.

Giancarlo Stanton and Aaron Judge rocked Cleveland with early homers, and Nestor Cortes and the New York Yankees rolled into another AL Championship Series matchup with the Houston Astros.

"We got our revenge. We're happy to beat those guys. Now they can watch on TV the next series for us," Torres said after the Yankees beat the Guardians 5-1 in the decisive Game 5 of their AL Division Series on Tuesday night. "It's nothing personal. Just a little thing about revenge."

Yankees manager Aaron Boone won his gamble by starting Cortes on three days' rest over Jameson Taillon, making the late switch after Monday night's rain caused a postponement.

Cleveland manager Terry Francona stayed the course with Aaron Civale instead of switching to 2020 Cy Young Award winner Shane Bieber on short rest.

"I've never done it," Bieber said. "But could I have? Sure."

Civale had trouble throwing strikes, and the Guardians never recovered from Stanton's three-run homer just 21 pitches in.

Taillon will start Wednesday night at Houston, which goes with Justin Verlander. The AL matchup features the league's top two regular-season teams in the 106-win Astros and 99-win Yankees, a contrast to the NL championship between wild-card San Diego and Philadelphia.

"When they're all clicking they're great," Yankees ace Gerrit Cole said of the Astros, his former team. When they're not all clicking, they're great."

Cole got two wins against Cleveland and carved the Guardians with just three words. Naylor made the rocking the baby motion repeatedly while rounding the bases after homering off Cole in Game 4.

Cole responded: "Whatever. It's cute."

"We feel like it is a little disrespectful, not just Cole but for the team," Torres said.

Yankees fans in the sellout crowd of 48,178 greeted Naylor with derisive chants of "Who's your daddy!" echoing their treatment of Boston pitcher Pedro Martinez two decades ago.

No offense, Naylor said.

"That was so sick," he said. "That was honestly like a dream come true as a kid. Playing in an environment like this, where they've got diehard fans. It's cool."

Now 27, Cortes he was traded by the Yankees to Seattle after the 2019 season, was dropped by the Mariners a year later and became an All-Star after resurfacing in the Bronx.

"Just the legend of Nestor," Boone said. "Honestly going in, I would have been really excited about 10 batters."

Cortes dominated with three-hit ball for five innings for the win, throwing 61 pitches.

AP

New York Yankees center fielder Aaron Judge celebrates in the locker room after the Yankees defeated the Cleveland Guardians in Game 5 of an American League Division baseball series, Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2022, in New York.

"I've got nothing to lose. I've been in the gutter before. I've been down," Cortes said. "So for me, this is just a cherry on top,"

Jonathan Loáisiga, Clay Holmes and Wandy Peralta finished with five-hit scoreless relief. Peralta became the first Yankees pitcher to appear in all five games of a Division Series..

"Just getting the last out, it's hard to explain. It's such an exciting moment," Peralta said through a translator.

With two outs and two on, Myles Straw hit a grounder to shortstop Isiah Kiner-Falefa, who flipped to Torres to end it.

Anthony Rizzo had a fifth-inning RBI bloop single for AL East champion New York, which is seeking its 28th title and first since 2009,

AL Central champion Cleveland, the youngest team in the majors, remained without a championship since 1948. The Guardians whose $68 million payroll is a fraction of the Yankees' $274 million, led 2-1 in the best-of-five series.

"I know they are hurting right now," Francona said. "This needs to be a starting place for us. This can't just be a good story this year. We need to take this and go, because I think we have a chance to have something really special."

José Ramírez's third-inning sacrifice fly drove in the only run for Cleveland, which has lost a big league record 11 straight postseason elimination games.

New York hit .182 but outhomered the Guardians 9-3 as Stanton and Judge each went deep twice. The Yankees scored 16 of their 20 runs on long balls.

"We definitely had to throw the first punch in a game like this," Stanton said.

Judge, who homered on an opposite-field drive to right against Sam Hentges, became the first player with four homers in winner-take-all postseason games. He tugged at and kissed the interlocking "NY" on his jersey after reaching the dugout.

"I've been watching a lot of Premier League soccer games. So I've seen those guys doing it," Judge said. "It was in the moment."

Civale threw just 12 of 26 pitches for strikes, getting only one swing and miss and just one out.

Torres walked on four pitches leading off, Judge struck out on a full-count curveball and Civale hit Rizzo on the left thigh with a pitch.

Stanton lined a cutter 379 feet into the short right-field porch, a drive that would be a home run in only three of the 30 major league ballparks.

Civale stared into his stall after the game, wearing a hooded sweatshirt, before showering and then answeing questions.

"Just didn't have great command early on and didn't last very long," he said. "Left a pitch up, rand one of the guys that gets paid to hit home runs hit a home run."

Harper, Schwarber HR as Wheeler, Phils top Pads to open NLCS

SAN DIEGO (AP)—Bryce Harper hit another postseason home run — no surprise there — and then Kyle Schwarber topped him by launching a shot that amazed even his teammates.

Harper hit his fourth homer this postseason and Schwarber hit a jaw-dropping, 488-foot drive that carried the Philadelphia Phillies over the San Diego Padres 2-0 Tuesday night to open the all-wild card NL Championship Series.

Zack Wheeler was awesome, too, combining with two relievers on a one-hitter for Philadelphia. The Phillies managed just three hits off Yu Darvish and the San Diego bullpen — the combined four hits matched the fewest ever in a postseason game.

The Phillies will try to take a 2-0 lead when they send Aaron Nola to mound to oppose Blake Snell on Wednesday afternoon. Nola is set to pitch against his brother, Padres catcher Austin Nola.

"I thought Darvish was really good and we couldn't get much going, but Harper, three straight games with a home run, and Schwarber's game was just completely flush," Philadelphia manager Rob Thomson said. "I mean, with the great pitching we had tonight, that's all we needed."

Harper, trying to reach his first World Series, hit a high-arcing, opposite-field shot into the first row in left field with one out in the fourth. It was the fourth home run this postseason for Harper, who was playing in San Diego for the first time since his left thumb was broken when he was hit by a pitch by Blake Snell on June 25, sidelining him for two months.

Harper, the two-time NL MVP who won the award last year, has hit nine home runs in 26 career postseason games.

Schwarber's incredible shot on Darvish's first pitch of the sixth had an exit velocity of 119.7 mph — the hardest-hit ball in any postseason since Statcast began tracking in 2015 — and was the first to reach the right field upper deck at Petco Park, which opened in 2004. It was the farthest in his career and the farthest at Petco in the Statcast Era and gave the Phillies a 2-0 lead.

Schwarber, who led the NL with 46 home runs this season but was in a 1-for-20 postseason slump coming in, raised his right arm as he rounded first base and Harper stood in the dugout with his mouth agape in amazement.

"I thought it got pretty small pretty fast," said Harper, who's in his first NLCS. "I've never seen a ball go up in that section in Petco Park. Just very impressive."

And then some.

"A lot of people just looked at me weird," Schwarber said about the reaction he got in the dugout. "It was a cool moment, but I'm happy that we got the win overall."

Wheeler said he was in the tunnel just off the dugout, "but I heard everybody sort of take off, so I ran up the stairs and I saw it land, and that was pretty crazy," the pitcher said. "I've never even seen that done in batting practice or anything."

Austin Nola, the Padres' catcher, said "that ball was hit as far as I've ever seen. It was left over the middle — it was up in the zone. He put a good swing on it."

Darvish said it wasn't a mistake pitch to Harper, but added, "For Schwarber that is on me, that is my mistake. I knew he was waiting on something off-speed. The ball kind of went into the middle area and he got the most of it," he said through an interpreter.

The Padres, who eliminated the 111-win Los Angeles Dodgers in the NLDS, had only four baserunners, including a single by Wil Myers in the fifth. Still, they had a chance to win in the ninth against José Alvarado.

Jurickson Profar drew a one-out walk and Juan Soto reached when third baseman Alec Bohm made an errant throwing trying for a force. Manny Machado flied out and Alvarado struck out Josh Bell for the save, looking skyward and clapping after getting the final out.

The long balls by Harper and Schwarber were the latest impressive home runs for the Phillies, who are back in the playoffs for the first time since 2011. The last won the World Series in 2008. They've hit eight homers in seven games this postseason.

Harper joined Gary Matthews (1983) as the only players in franchise history to homer in three straight postseason games in the same year. Harper hit one homer in the wild-card series win at St. Louis and two in going 8 for 16 as the Phillies eliminated the defending World Series champion Atlanta Braves in the NLDS.

Rhys Hoskins had an epic bat spike on a monster homer against the Braves, and J.T. Realmuto became the first catcher in postseason history to hit an inside-the-park home run.

"I love this," Harper said. "Like I just really enjoy this situation. I really enjoy coming to ballparks that are hostile. I don't know, I just really enjoy it."

The Phillies at times stunned Petco Park, where a sellout crowd of 44,826 was amped up for the Padres' first NLCS appearance since 1998.

But Wheeler had he Padres totally off balance, allowing only a one-out walk to Juan Soto in the first and then retiring 12 straight batters until Myers singled with one out in the fifth. Wheeler then retired his final eight batters. He struck out eight and walked one on 83 pitches.

"That's probably as good a pitching performance we've seen all year, is my guess," Padres manager Bob Melvin said.

Seranthony Dominguez pitched a perfect eighth.

Darvish took the loss, allowing two runs and three hits in seven innings while striking out seven and walking one.

Stephen Curry, Warriors celebrate championship, beat Lakers

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—After all those thrilling NBA Finals battles of last decade, Stephen Curry and LeBron James can still put on a spectacular show well into their 30s.

Opening night between these two greats showed why Curry's team is on top these days.

Curry began the season with 33 points, seven assists and six rebounds despite a slow start, and the Golden State Warriors beat James and the Los Angeles Lakers 123-109 on Tuesday night after receiving their championship rings in a pregame ceremony.

"I'm thrilled with the win," coach Steve Kerr said. "Ring night is never an easy game and the first game of the season is usually filled with some nerves early on."

Jordan Poole made a pretty bounce pass to a driving Draymond Green for a layup and all seemed perfectly well with the defending champions almost two weeks after Green punched Poole at practice Oct. 5, then took a brief leave of absence from the team to work on his emotions. Poole wound up with 12 points and seven assists.

"We went out there, we had a job to do tonight to win a game," Poole said when asked if healing has happened between him and Green. "It was a ring night and that's really what we were focused on finishing the first game. It was a huge win against a really good team."

James had 31 points, 14 rebounds and eight assists, while Russell Westbrook scored 19 points and grabbed 11 rebounds after nursing a sore left hamstring. Anthony Davis added 27 points, but the Lakers couldn't keep up in another signature, runaway third quarter by reigning NBA Finals MVP Curry and Co.

"That third quarter is where they always excelled, when they made this transition to being a powerhouse team," James said. "You've always got to be ready for the third quarters, and we were not tonight."

Curry missed his initial five 3-pointers and finished 10 for 22, 4 of 13 from deep.

Klay Thompson contributed 18 points in 20 minutes for the Warriors, who celebrated the franchise's fourth title in eight years.

"It's really fun to be a part of, it's really fun to watch," Poole said. "... These guys have played at the highest level over and over and over again."

Kerr limited the minutes of both Thompson and Green, who was away from the team until last Thursday. Kerr said he will increase Thompson's minutes each game as a precaution following his return in January from an absence of more than 2 1/2 years for surgeries to his left knee and right Achilles tendon.

Warriors center James Wiseman made his first appearance since his rookie season of 2019-20 after sitting out all of last season recovering from right knee surgery. He had eight points and seven rebounds.

The Lakers' 22 turnovers led to 27 points for the Warriors.

"Whether you make a shot or you miss a shot, you turn the ball over, whatever, you've got to have a short memory and get on to the next play immediately," first-year Los Angeles coach Darvin Ham said. "That has to be something that's in our fabric, not just against Golden State but against the entire league."

AP

Golden State Warriors guard Stephen Curry, left, shoots a layup next to Los Angeles Lakers guard Austin Reaves during the first half of an NBA basketball game in San Francisco, Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2022.

Ham was thrilled to represent Saginaw, Michigan, in his coaching debut — and proud that it's also Green's hometown.

"I'm excited for the city of Saginaw, Michigan, to get to see a kid that represents the city well and happens to be playing some really good basketball and playing at a high level his entire career in Draymond Green," Ham said. "And now they get to see another kid who is the coach of the Los Angeles Lakers. This is a great night for Saginaw."

Celtics 126, 76ers 117

In Boston, a scandal off the court cast a shadow over the Boston Celtics entering the preseason.

On the court, they opened the regular season looking like a team still very much capable of contending for a championship.

Jayson Tatum and Jaylen Brown each scored 35 points and the Celtics beat the Philadelphia 76ers 126-117 on Tuesday night in the NBA's season opener.

Malcolm Brogdon added 16 points and Grant Williams finished with 15 as the defending Eastern Conference champions gave interim coach Joe Mazzulla a victory in his debut on a night the team honored the legacy of Bill Russell.

"It was just unique and special," Brown said. "It feels a little bit better knowing who we were playing and who we were playing for."

Mazzulla has been tasked with leading the team after Ime Udoka was suspended for the season following an investigation by a law firm that found he committed multiple violations of team policies.

Mazzulla successfully led a Celtics team that very much resembled the one that made a surprise run to the NBA Finals a season ago.

"It was a proud moment," Mazzulla said. "I think at the end of the game, the 'Let's go Celtics! 'chant — we picked up right where we left off. ... When they're cheering for you, you're doing something right."

Boston opened up a 110-97 lead with 8 minutes to play and never trailed again.

James Harden scored 35 points — his most since joining the 76ers last season — including 12 of 12 from the free throw line. He also had five 3-pointers.

"We gave them 20-plus points in transition," Harden said. "That's the game right there."

Joel Embiid added 26 points and 15 rebounds. Tyrese Maxey finished with 21 points.

Mazzulla has vowed to keep the focus on building upon the culture Udoka established on the court as a rookie head coach last season.

He insists that it will be done primarily on the defensive end of the floor, but the offense was the story for the Celtics on Tuesday with 56% shooting from the field.

With big man Robert Williams sidelined as he recovers from offseason surgery on his knee, the Celtics stuck with the same starting lineup they employed during the preseason, playing defensive stalwart Derrick White alongside Marcus Smart, Tatum, Brown and Al Horford.

The smaller group sped Philadelphia up at times, forcing the 76ers into 14 turnovers for the game, leading to 22 Boston points.

The 76ers are looking to contend with the top teams in the East with Harden embarking on his first full season in Philadelphia after being swapped for Ben Simmons late last season in a trade with Brooklyn.

Harden looked rejuvenated coming off a season defined by hamstring injuries that hampered his effectiveness in a truncated 21 regular-season games with the Sixers last season.

The 10-time All-Star frustrated the Celtics, displaying the mobility he was missing a year ago. He was able to get to the free throw line often. He also was effective from the 3-point line, connecting on four in the first half, including a rainbow heave from the top of the key to beat the shot clock late in the second quarter.

Celtics honor Bill Russell prior to season opener vs 76ers

BOSTON (AP)—Bill Russell helped establish and define the standard for the Boston Celtics.

The franchise took its latest opportunity to honor its greatest player before its season opener against Philadelphia on Tuesday night.

The Celtics held the first of two planned ceremonies this season to commemorate Russell since he died July 31 at age 88. A second celebration will take place Feb. 12, Russell's birthday.

Signs of his life and legacy were sprinkled all over TD Garden.

There were video tributes highlighting some of Russell's biggest moments on and off the court.

The team also wore No. 6 patches on its special edition jerseys, which included a Celtics script fashioned after the same one as the Slade's Bar and Grill restaurant that Russell owned for several years. The uniforms included 11 gold diamonds down the sides, signifying the 11 championships Russell helped bring Boston over a 13-year span during his storied career.

Flanked by his current Celtics teammates, Jaylen Brown stood at midcourt before tipoff and asked the capacity crowd rhetorically what defined Russell's greatness.

"Bill Russell was a great man for what and who he stood for," Brown said. "He represented a nobility and honesty that transcended sport. … He was a true champion both on and off the floor and our gratitude is endless."

The ceremony ended with performances by Grammy-nominated singer Aloe Blacc and a poem by Boston Poet Laureate Porsha Olayiwola.

Later, fans honored Russell's widow, Jeannine Russell, as she sat courtside and tearfully acknowledged a standing ovation during a timeout in the third quarter.

The racial and social justice activism that Russell was also a champion of was on display with two Black coaches squaring off against one another. When Russell became player-coach of the Celtics he was he first Black coach in any of the major U.S. sports leagues.

76ers coach Doc Rivers, who coached Boston for 11 seasons and led the franchise to its 17th title during the 2007-08 season, said being in the Garden on Tuesday was special for him.

"He meant a lot. He meant a lot before I arrived here," Russell said before the game. "Just for what he stood for, what he went through. Being the first Black coach. He meant a winner. I still don't think he gets enough credit. He did so many things, I don't think we talk enough about his winning. Not just at the NBA level, but everywhere he went he won."

Rivers said he'll always cherish getting to know Russell and other players from his generation during his Boston tenure.

"The thing I'll remember the most is how emotional he was when we won it," Rivers said. "I actually thought that with all the ex-players. You don't see that very often, just the connection that they have to this franchise. But he was visibly emotional. That was cool.

Stephen Curry offers Warriors' support of Brittney Griner

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Stephen Curry took the microphone in the middle of Golden State's championship ring ceremony Tuesday night to make an impassioned plea in support of Brittney Griner as the WNBA star spent her 32nd birthday in a Russian prison.

"We want to continue to use our platform and the opportunity to shout out a very special member of the basketball community. Brittney Griner's birthday is today, she's 32," Curry told the crowd on opening night before the defending champions hosted LeBron James and the Los Angeles Lakers. "We want to continue to let her name be known and we pray ... it's been 243 days since she was wrongfully incarcerated in Russia. We hope that she comes home soon, that everybody's doing their part to get her home."

The Warriors, long committed to social issues far beyond basketball, celebrated their fourth championship in eight years.

Griner is awaiting a hearing in Russia later this month for her appeal of a nine-year prison sentence for drug possession.

She was convicted Aug. 4 after Russian police said they found vape canisters with cannabis oil in her luggage at Sheremetyevo Airport in Moscow. Her defense lawyers said she had been prescribed cannabis for pain. The WNBA star said she had inadvertently packed them and had no criminal intent.

Colts owner Irsay says there's 'merit to remove' Snyder

NEW YORK (AP)—Colts owner Jim Irsay says there's "merit to remove" Dan Snyder as owner of the Washington Commanders, making him the first NFL owner to publicly state that his controversial counterpart should go.

Snyder's status has been widely debated for years amid several scandals and investigations into workplace conduct in Washington. The league has been investigating allegations of sexual misconduct and financial impropriety, a probe conducted by attorney Mary Jo White that is ongoing.

Removing Snyder would be unprecedented and requires 24 votes from the other owners.

"It's something we have to review, we have to look at all the evidence and we have to be thorough and it's something that has to be given serious consideration," Irsay said Tuesday. "I believe in the workplace today, the standard that the shield stands for in the NFL, that you have to stand for that and protect that. I just think once owners talk among each other they will arrive at the right decision. Unfortunately, I believe that's the road we probably need to go down and we just need to finish the investigation, but it's gravely concerning to me the things that have occurred there over the last 20 years."

AP

Washington Commanders' Dan Snyder poses for photos during an event to unveil the NFL football team's new identity, Wednesday, Feb. 2, 2022, in Landover, Md.

A person familiar with the thinking of several owners told The Associated Press that they agree with Irsay and have serious concerns about the allegations against Snyder. The person, who spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity because the conversations are private, said a group of owners believe Snyder's dismissal would be best for the NFL and the other 31 teams. The person doesn't know if 24 owners would vote to remove Snyder, but momentum is building against him.

NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell cautioned owners to reserve judgment until the investigation is completed.

"There's no reason for there to be any speculation at this point in time or discussion until we have the facts. That was my message to ownership," Goodell said. "Speculation without facts is not a very positive thing to do. I think everyone deserves to have the facts and to make sure those decisions are made with facts, and the membership will have that opportunity."

The Commanders released a statement saying the Snyders will not sell the team.

"It is highly inappropriate, but not surprising, that Mr. Irsay opted to make statements publicly based on falsehoods in the media," the statement said. "It is unfortunate that Mr. Irsay decided to go public with his statement today, while an investigation is in process, and the team has had no opportunity to formally respond to allegations. The Commanders have made remarkable progress over the past two years. We are confident that, when he has an opportunity to see the actual evidence in this case, Mr. Irsay will conclude that there is no reason for the Snyders to consider selling the franchise. And they won't."

Goodell said there's no timeline for White to submit her report. It's anticipated she's nearing the end of the investigation, a person familiar with the matter told The Associated Press. The person spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity because the investigation remains open.

Snyder's ownership of the Commanders became a big issue again last week when ESPN reported, citing anonymous sources, that he has hired private investigators and told people he has enough information to expose fellow owners and Goodell.

The Commanders denied the contents of the report, calling it "categorically untrue" and "clearly part of a well-funded, two-year campaign to coerce the sale of the team, which will continue to be unsuccessful."

Snyder addressed the report in a letter to owners.

"That is patently false and intended to erode the trust and goodwill between owners that I take quite seriously," Snyder wrote in the letter obtained by the AP. "I have never hired any private investigator to look into any owner or the commissioner. I have never instructed or authorized my lawyers to hire any private investigator on my behalf for any such purpose. And I never would."

Snyder added he did not take for granted the privilege of being able to own an NFL franchise and said he and wife Tanya are available if anyone has questions or wants to discuss any issues.

Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones, a known supporter of Snyder, declined to throw the embattled owner under the bus, despite ESPN's report of a rift between the longtime confidants.

"I have no knowledge of anything that has got any basis to it," Jones said.

Tanya Snyder, the team's co-CEO, and Commanders President Jason Wright represented the team at the meetings.

Snyder and the organization are also currently the subject of an ongoing investigation by the U.S. House Committee on Oversight and Reform. Snyder has owned the team since 1999.

Lawyers representing dozens of former Washington employees wrote a letter to Goodell expressing concern over an element of ESPN's report last week that indicated Snyder used the league's independent investigation to gather information on witnesses who participated given the promise of confidentiality.

"After participating in the investigation, and after the NFL revealed witness names, several of our clients were harassed by private investigators, some were publicly disparaged and/or removed from team alumni groups and at least one who was still working for the tram was terminated," attorneys Lisa Banks and Debra Katz wrote in the letter. "If true, (the ESPN-reported) 'tip sheet' allegation is not only normally reprehensible, but it also provides the basis for us to take legal action against the NFL."

The NFL denied the allegations, with a spokesperson saying the league has repeatedly committed to protecting the anonymity of witnesses who took part in Beth Wilkinson's investigation.

"The NFL did not share their names with the Commanders and their lawyers," the statement said. "The allegation is false. Ms. Wilkinson and her firm kept their pledge to the witnesses and did not share their identities with the commissioner or league staff other than the limited number of participants who were willing to be identified."

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open up the game, 1-0. Teammate Mark Patubo followed his lead to score the second goal which was enough to secure the win as Kanoa only had one goal in them toward the end of the second half, made by Tyler Omelau.

MPU FC 10, Shirley's FC 1

MPU Football Club overpowered Shirley's FC, 10-1 in the last U16 boys division game of the day.

Shirley's went through the first half with each attempt at the goal skirting around for no contact at the net. The only contact from ball to net happened in the 24th minute of the second half, made by Jayven Bisek for their only goal of the game.

MPU, on the other hand, made light work of the ball as Cody Shimizu netted five of the 10 goals, while Casey Chambers bagged himself two goals, and Moshe Sikkel, Jun Seo Kim, and Miles Linden made one each.

Results from Week 4 of the TakeCare Youth Soccer League Fall 2022 U13 boys and girls competitive division will be posted in the next editions of *Saipan Tribune*.

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the group of kids who are participating, although for all of them it is their very first competition, they are all ready to compete and more importantly, have fun and make new friends."

Alvarez also took the opportunity to thank the Marianas Visitors Authority for helping them defray the cost of their trip and accommodations in the U.S. territory.

"MVA was very generous in donating sponsorship support and all of us were able to purchase our airline tickets and have a little extra for accommodations! Huge thank you to [MVA managing director] Mrs. Priscilla Iakopo for assisting us tremendously in this matter. Biba Marianas!"

In related news, Trench Tech Gym will also host a family friendly self-defense event starting at 10am this Saturday, Oct. 22.

This event, which will have former Ultimate Fighting Championship fighter Frank "The Crank" Camacho as special instructor, is open and free to all who sign up.

This event is in partnership with the Domestic Violence Awareness Month Planning Committee with the intent to raise public education and awareness on domestic violence, including the promotion of health, wellness, and fitness in the CNMI.

Dubbed "The Fit to Lead-Self Defense Fitness Class with Frank "The Crank" Camacho, the event is a free community and family friendly event.

Participants are encouraged to dress lightly and bring water for hydration.

Spots are limited and those interested are encouraged to register, as soon as possible.

An Accident Waiver & Release of Liability Form will be available on-site and must be signed by each agreeing participant. Minors will need parent/guardian consent and waiver.

If you have any questions or concerns, contact info@EndViolenceNMI.org or call (670) 234-3878.

Those interested can also copy and paste on your browsers the link: DVAMsignup.com to sign up.

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in the first inning, with home runs each made by Audie Maratita and Jude Dickinson.

Maratita went on to belt another home run in the last inning and scored in a total of four RBIs.

The bulk of the runs by Sufa were made in the fifth and last inning, with five, and in the third inning, they brought in three.

Aimeliik's efforts ended in the second inning as they brought in two runs, and Sufa pitcher Tom Camacho eventually silenced them in the last two innings, with the final score of 13-3.

With the win, Sufa is up 9-4 in the standings, while Aimeliik went deeper down in the trenches at 2-10.

Peleliu 16, Momma Charo 15
Hagu La'mun 13, Ngaraard Redmen 12

There were two close games as Peleliu slipped past Momma Charo, 16-15, and Hagu La'mun followed suit as they narrowly defeated Ngaraard Redmen, 13-12.

In the first game, Peleliu escaped a last-inning rally by Momma Charo as they brought in seven runs to bring them one run shy to tie the game and two runs shy for the win. But Peleliu's fourth-inning, 10-run rally was enough to put them off and escape with the win.

Peleliu's Jun Lizama scored the only home run for the team, while Momma Charo's batters belted two, which was sadly not enough for the W.

Separately, Hagu La'mun narrowly escaped the Redmen's onslaught of runs as three of them came from home runs, while Hagu La'mun only made two, but one home run was the tie breaking run for the win.

With this win, Peleliu is at 7-1, while Momma Charo is at 5-8. Hagu La'mun is at 8-5 and the Redmen is at an even 6-6.

Tokahao 18, Salty Boys 8

Tokahao defeated Salty Boys, 18-8, with Salty Boys yet to see a win this season.

The Boys gunned it in the first three innings as they scored their eight runs right away, however, they gassed out in the last two innings and had no more runs to give.

Meanwhile, Tokahao scored in every inning, with three runs made through home runs.

Tokahao is in the Top 2 with 10 wins and three losses while the Salty Boys have yet to win with 13 losses.

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Southern United girls dominate Paire, 21-1

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Southern United Football Club's U16 girls stopped Paire in their tracks, 21-1, in Week 4 of the TakeCare Youth Soccer League Fall 2022 last Oct. 8 at the Northern Mariana Islands Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.

In a whirlwind one-sided match, Southern United FC kept the goals coming nonstop, with 11 of the goals scored in the first half and the remaining 10 in the second half.

Not even two minutes into the game, the first goal was made by Southern United's Pia Newakl, who eventually netted five more goals throughout the match for a total of six goals. Teammate Summer Manahane bagged six goals as well, while Rizza Relucio made four and Brianne Echalico scored three.

The only time Paire saw the back of the net was when Alana Hayes scored in the 12th minute.

Shirley's FC 3, MPU FC 2

In the only other U16 girls match of the day, Shirley's Football Club defeated MPU Football Club in a close game, 3-2.

Hailey Benavente of Shirley's found the ball six minutes into the game and made a run for it to score the first goal. Then, MPU's Wendy Son took the ball to tie up the game 13 minutes in. Alyssa Borlongan of Shirley's retaliated to one up them again in the 18th minute, with MPU answering the call to tie it up once more two minutes later.

However, in a nail-biting second half for the win, Borlongan broke through the keep to take the lead, 3-2, which eventually won the game as MPU had no more goals to give.

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File photo shows Southern United FC (in black and pink) battling Kanoa FC during the spring season game of the TakeCare Youth Soccer League at the Northern Mariana Islands Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.

U16 BOYS TanHoldings FC 2, Kanoa FC 1

Over in the U16 boys division, TanHoldings Football Club claimed a win in another tight match over Kanoa Football Club, 2-1.

Three minutes in, Anthony Bergancia of TanHoldings dashed through the field to

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8 'younglings' off to Guam BJJ tourney

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Trench Tech Purebred Saipan will be sending eight of their youngest Brazilian jiu-jitsu practitioners to Guam to compete in the Påtgon Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Tournament this weekend at the UOG Calvo Field House.

BJJ instructor Cuki Alvarez said a total of four white belts and four gray belts will represent the CNMI in the first kind only BJJ tournament in Guam.

The four white belts headed to Guam are Gabriel Mitchel, 12; Chris Hardt, 16; Brian Anthony Reyes, 7; and Leihani'Lyn Faith Kukku Reyes, 5.

Justo Jeremiah Quitugua, 11; Jacqueline Iris Quitugua, 7; Reiden Palacios Travilla 9; and Kaiya Isabel Pangelinan, 8; make up the gray belters flying south.

Alvarez said all eight Trench Tech BJJ practitioners are "super excited" to go off-island and compete in the sport they train on.

"This is the very first time we are sending a kids-only team and the very first time Guam is hosting a kids-only BJJ competition, hence the name Påtgon Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Tournament," he said.

The veteran mixed martial arts fighter said he's actually more nervous than his students heading to the one-day tournament.

"But we have been diligently working on their skill set the past three months and

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Front row from left, Brian Anthony Reyes, Reiden Palacios Travilla, Kaiya Isabel Pangelinan, coach Cuki Alvarez, Leihani'Lyn Faith Reyes, Jacqueline Iris Quitugua, and Justo Jeremiah Quitugua. Back row from left, Gabriel Mitchell, assistant coach Alverick Alvarez, and Chris Hardt.

Sufa delivers once again in Belau softball league

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Team Sufa delivered another superb performance in run-ruling Aimeliik, 13-3, in their men's division showdown of the 2022 Budweiser Belau Amateur Softball Association League last Sunday at the Dandan Softball Field.

Aimeliik, who is near the bottom of the standings, faced off against Top 3 Sufa and stood almost no chance at winning, but put on a valiant effort against the top sluggers in the league.

The first inning came and went and Aimeliik had no bite on the ball, but the second inning came when they put one run on the board. However, it was not after Sufa's first four batters in the lineup brought in four runs

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Sufa's first baseman catches the ball during their game against Aimeliik in the 2022 Budweiser Belau Amateur Softball Association League last Sunday at the Dandan Softball Field.